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(54) **PROSTHETIC FEMORAL STEM FOR USE IN HIGH IMPACT HIP REPLACEMENT**

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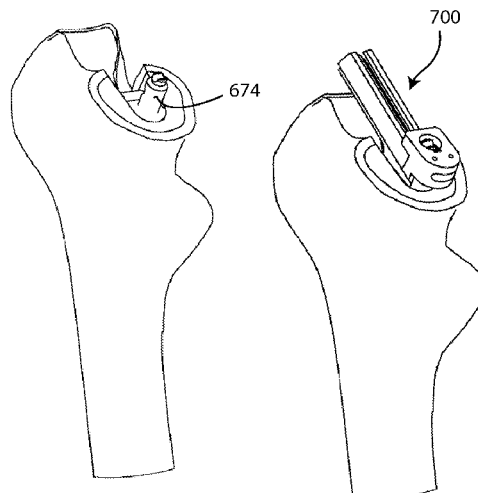
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A total hip femoral prosthesis provides a shortened neck and more proximal coating level. Additionally, a means for strengthening the neck may be incorporated to increase stress transfer to the native bone. A method for reducing potential impingement that results from a high neck resection level includes instrumentation for cutting chamfered surfaces into the bone surrounding the proximal end of the implant. Instrumentation and methods of creating chamfered cuts are disclosed.

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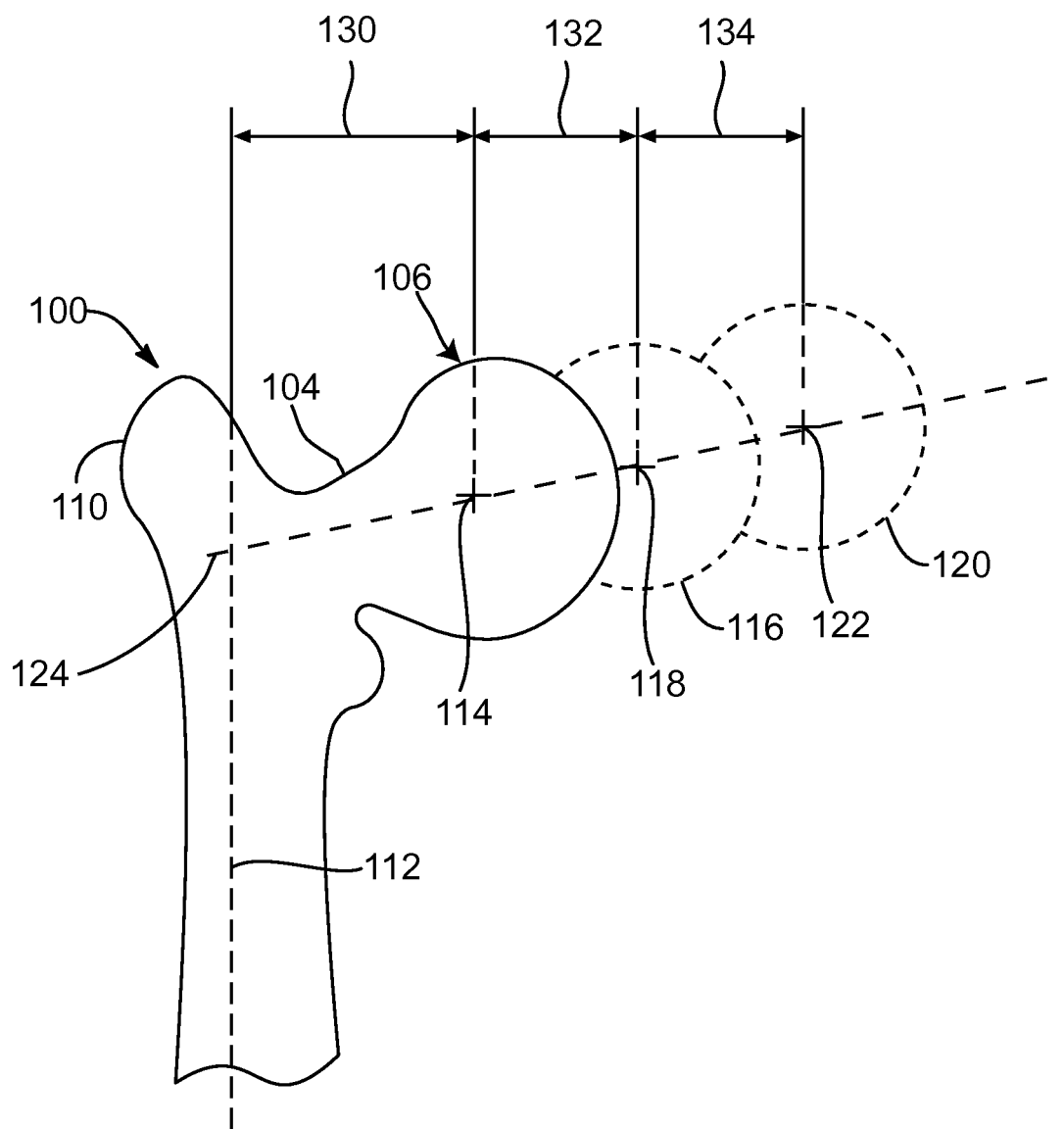


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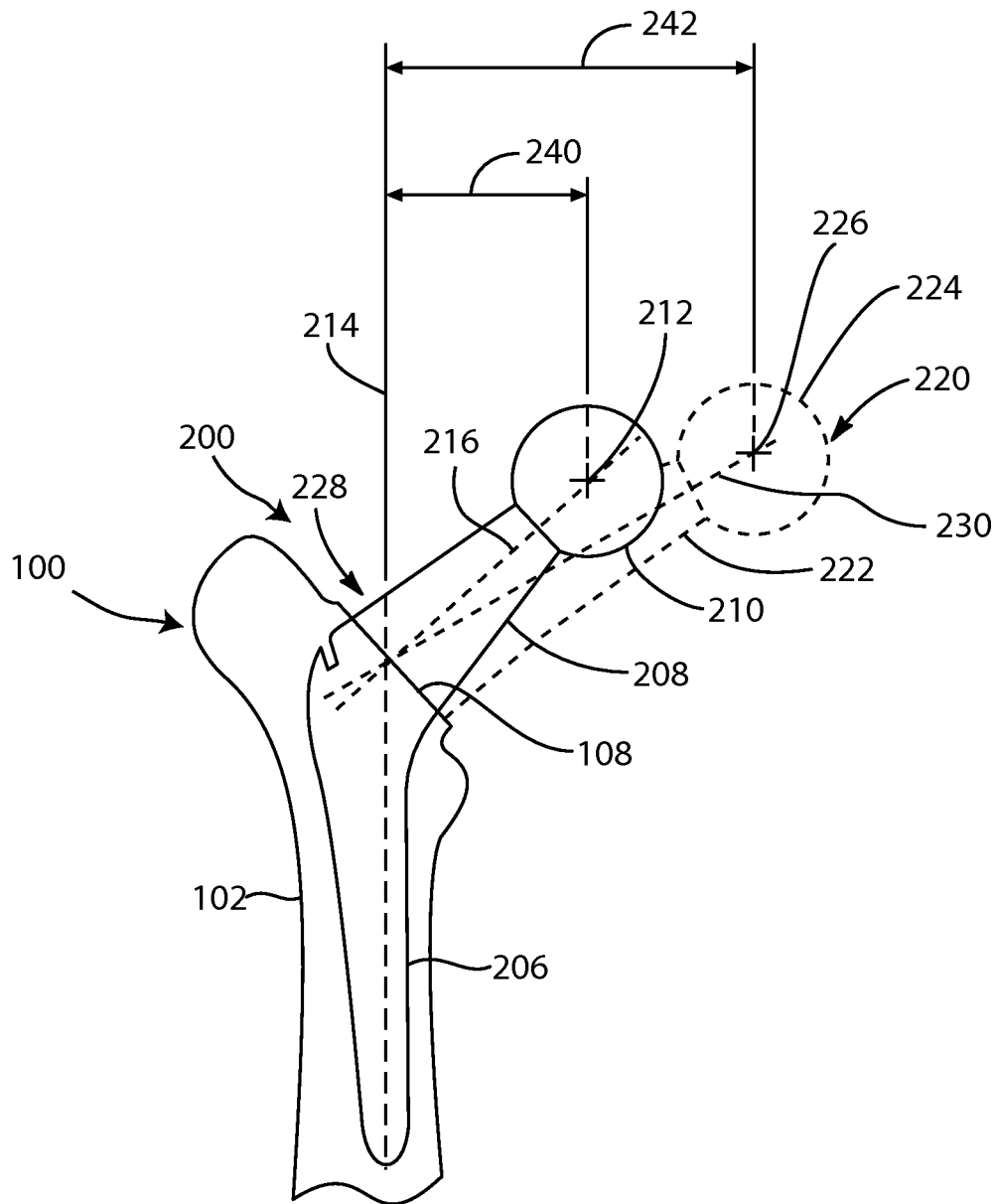


Fig. 2
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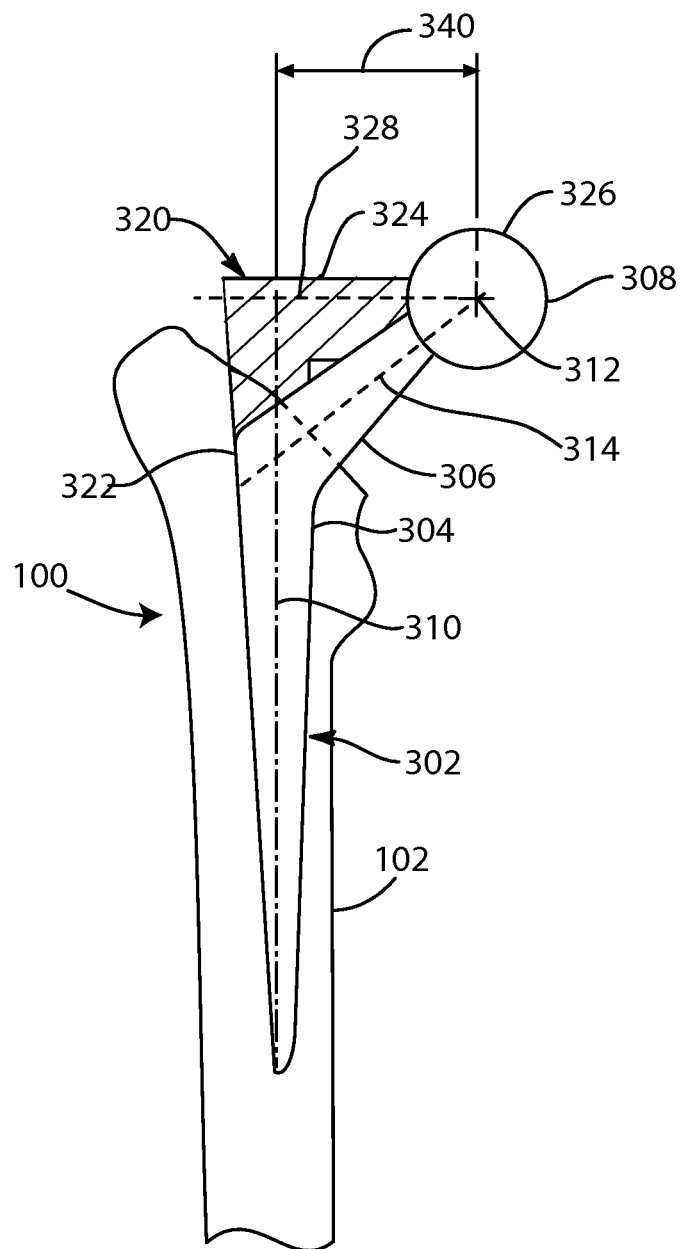


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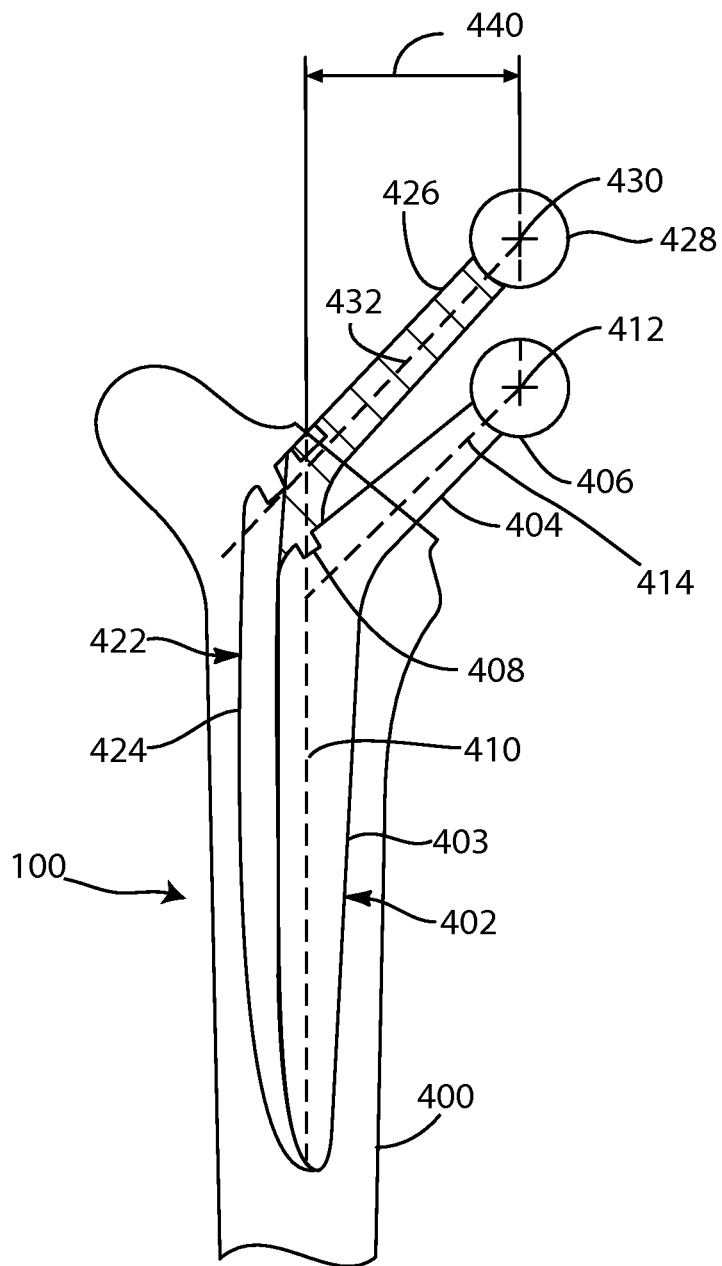


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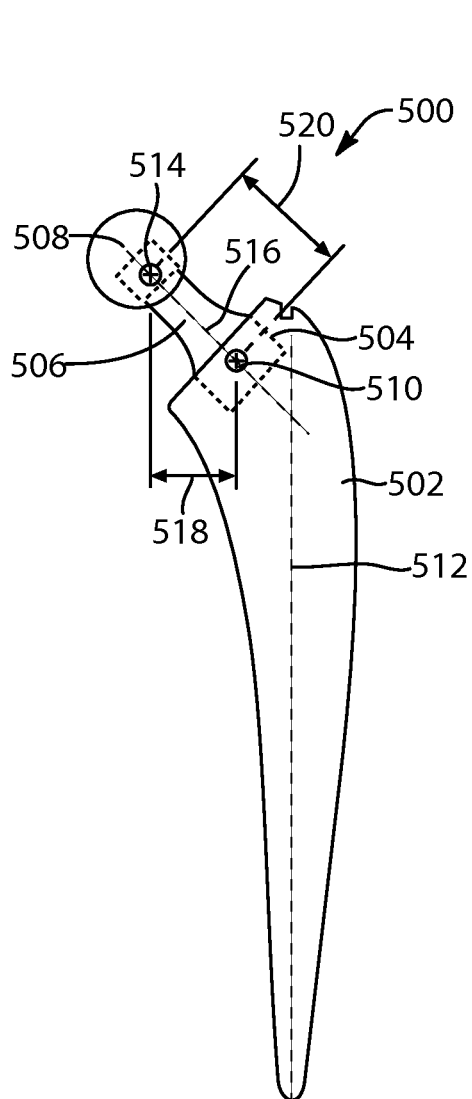


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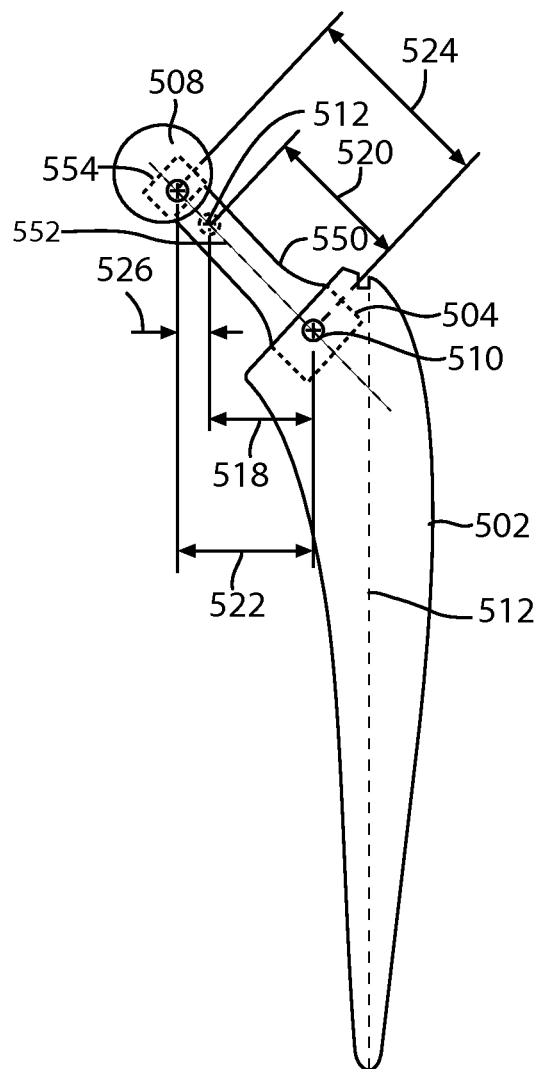


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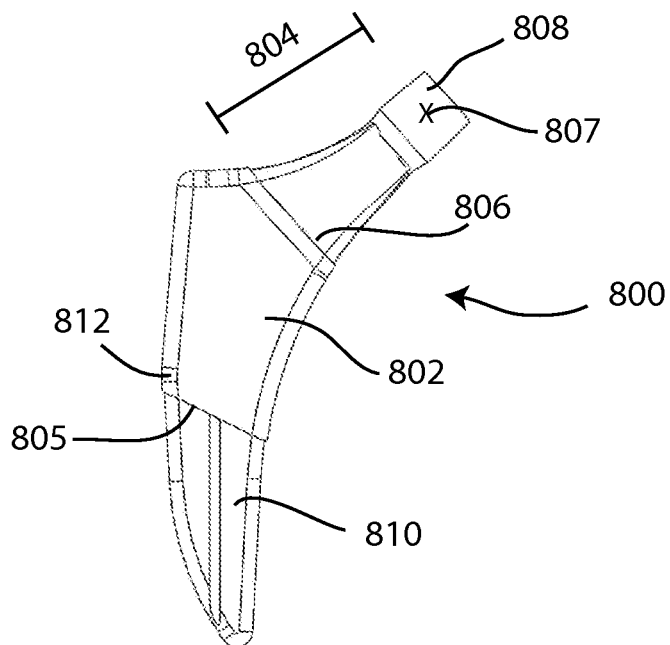


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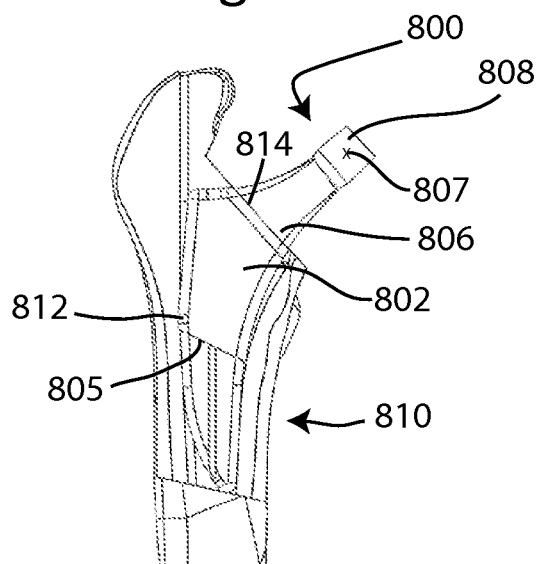


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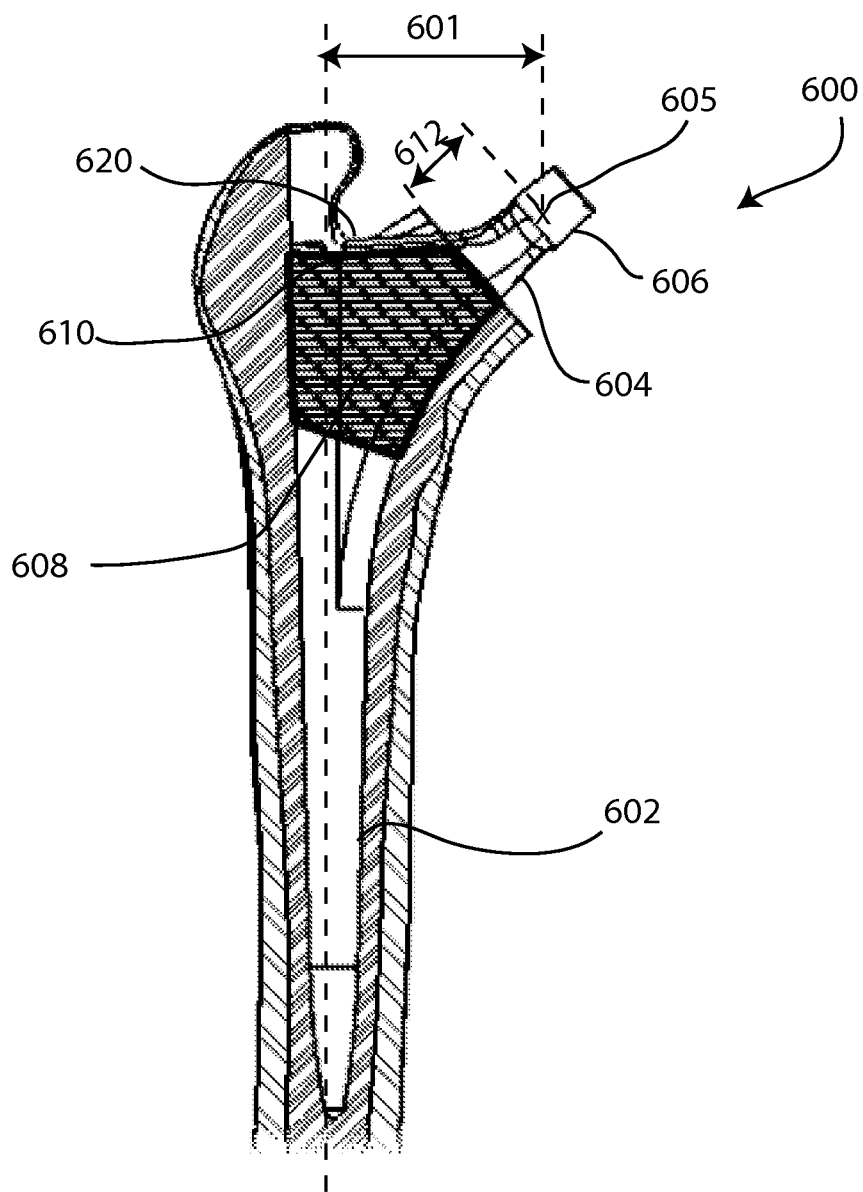


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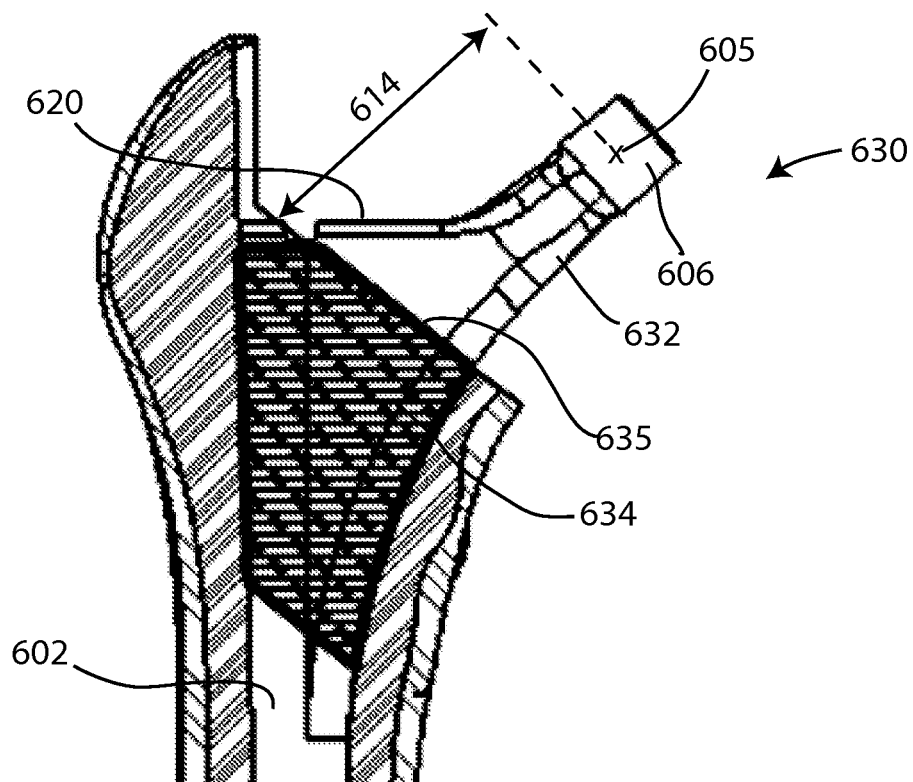


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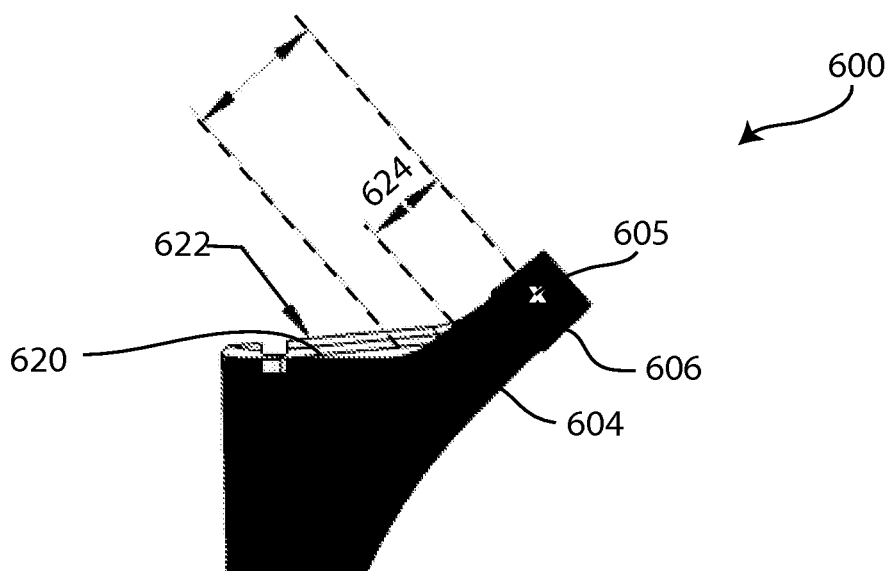


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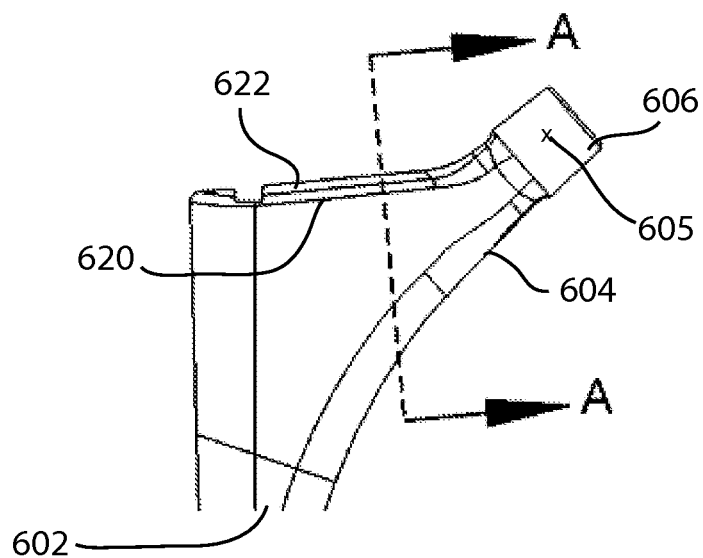
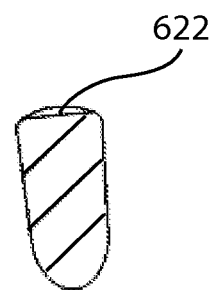


Fig. 10A



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Fig. 10B

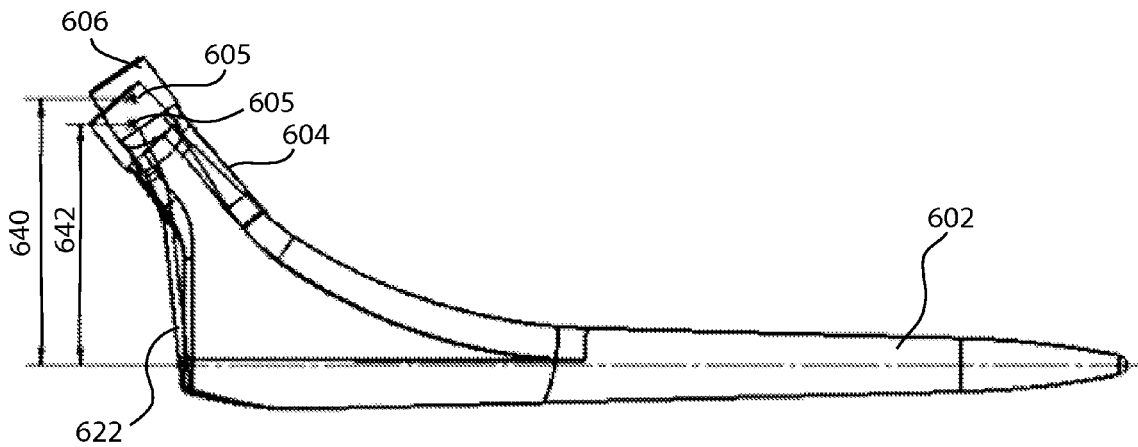


Fig. 11A

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11	36	42	42	47
12	37	43	43	48
13	37	43	43	48
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Fig. 11B

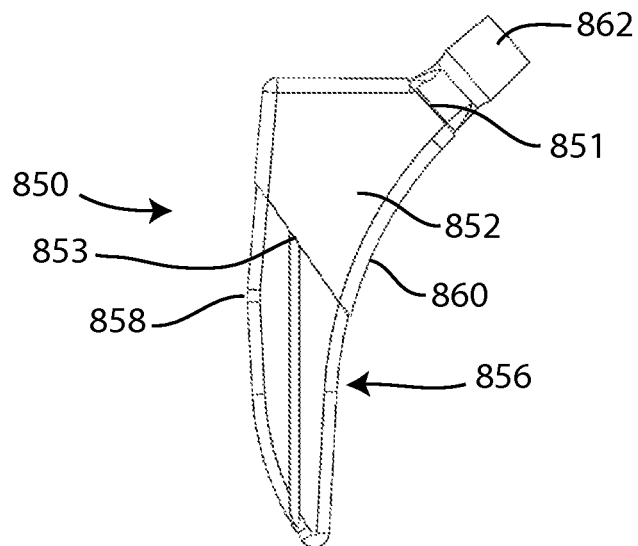


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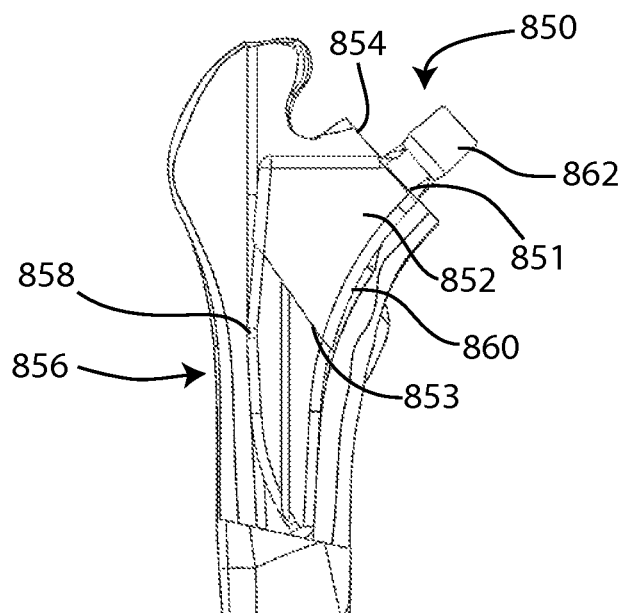


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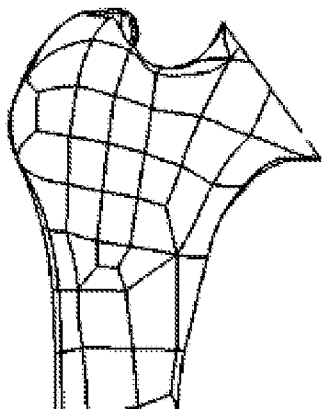


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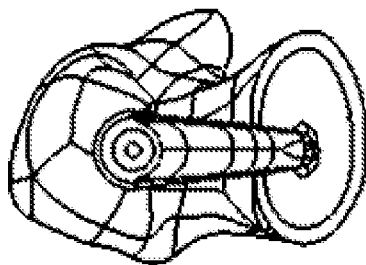


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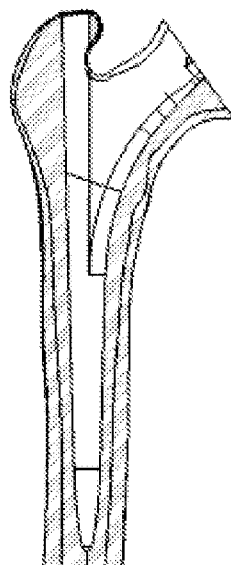


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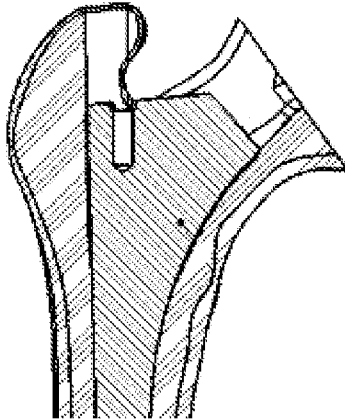


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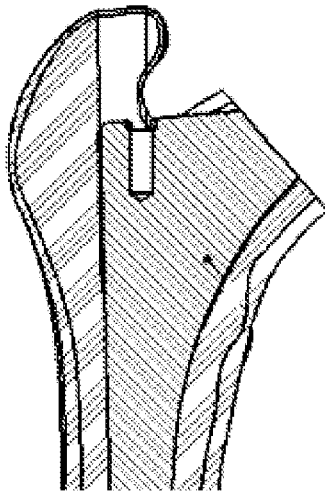


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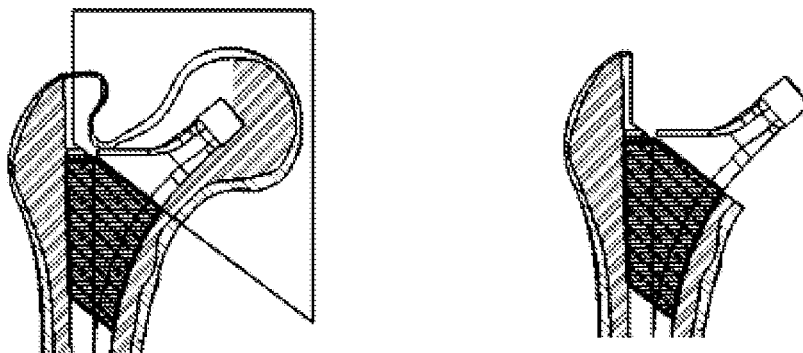


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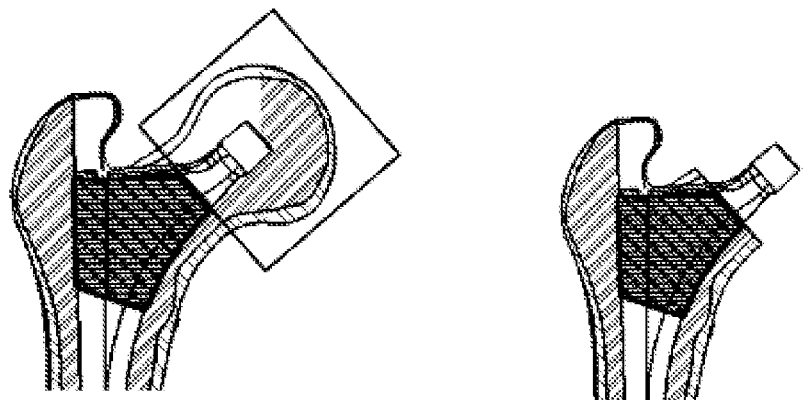


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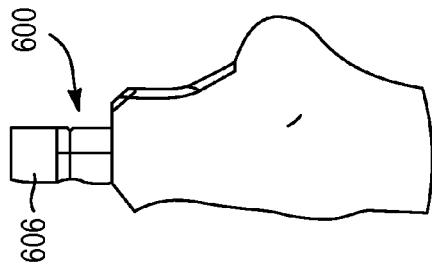


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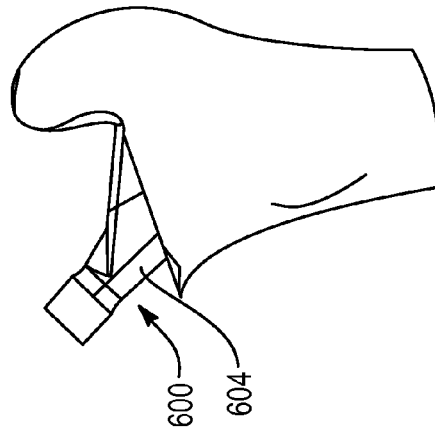


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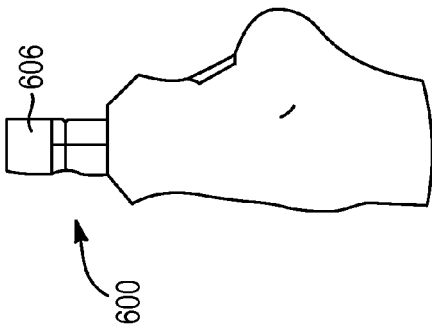


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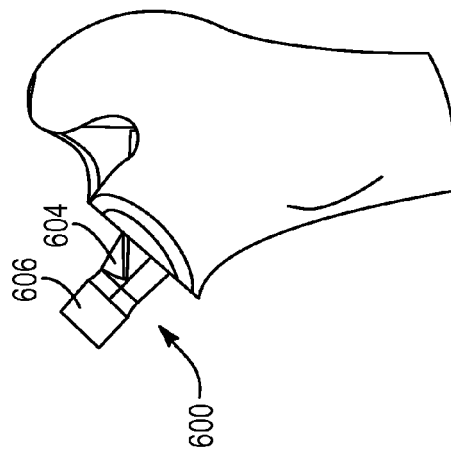


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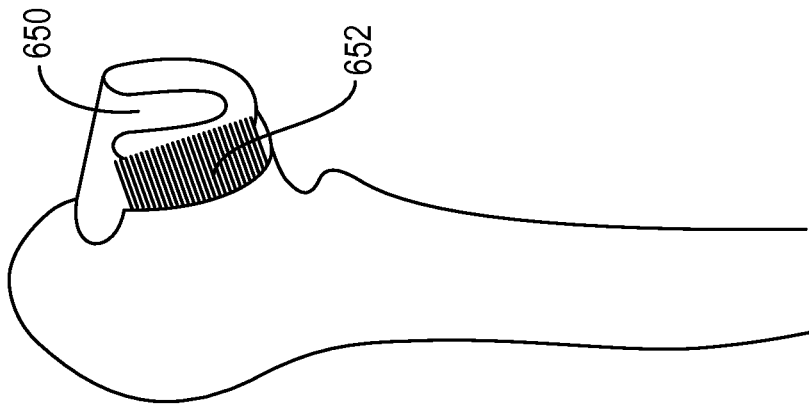


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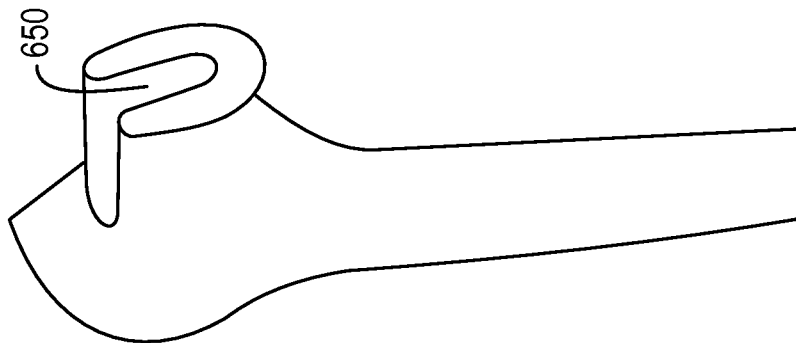


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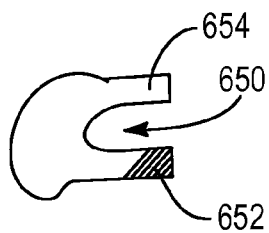


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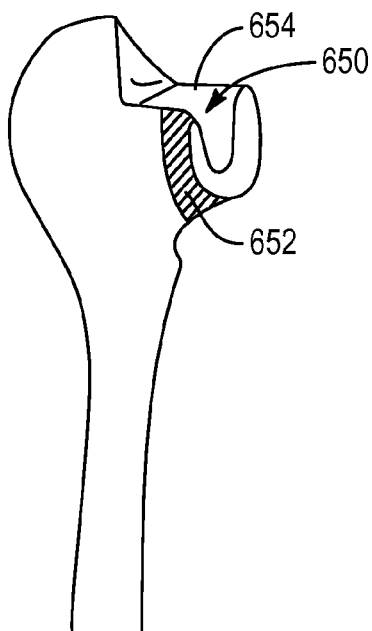


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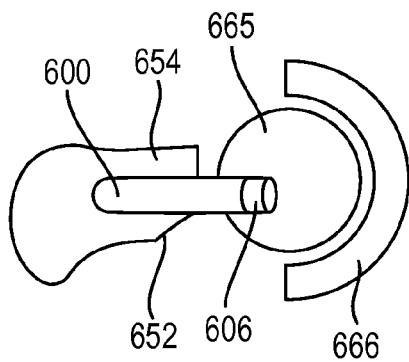


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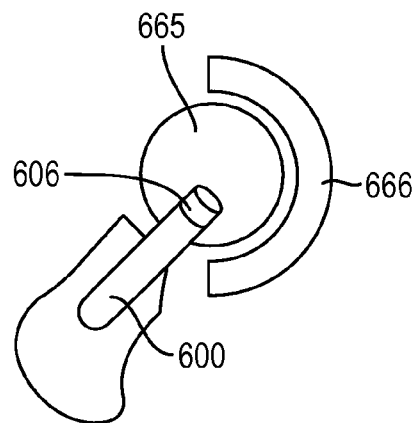


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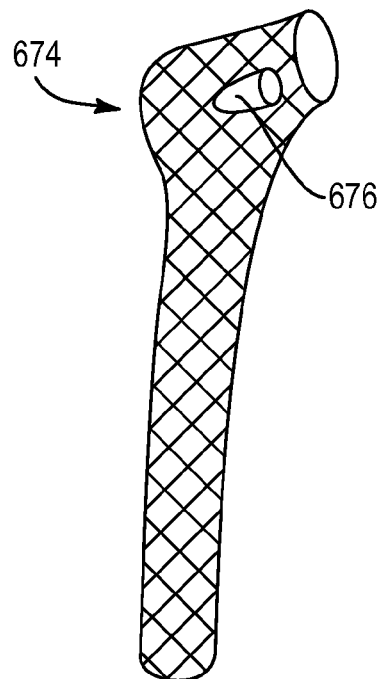


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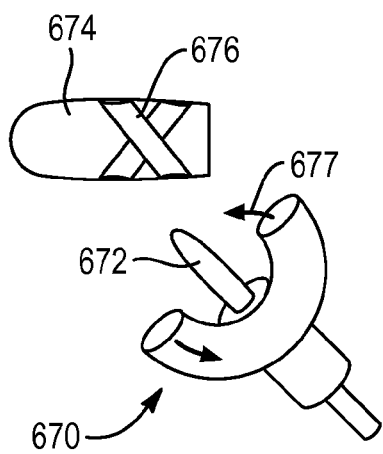


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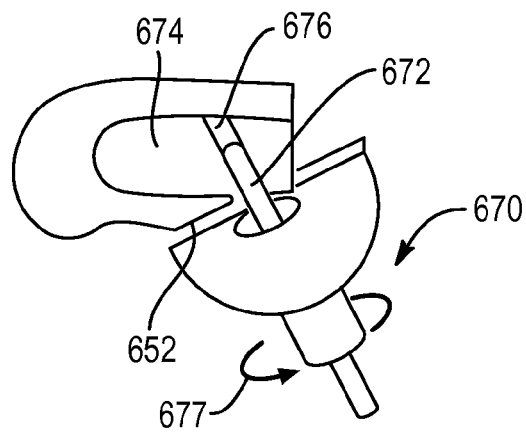


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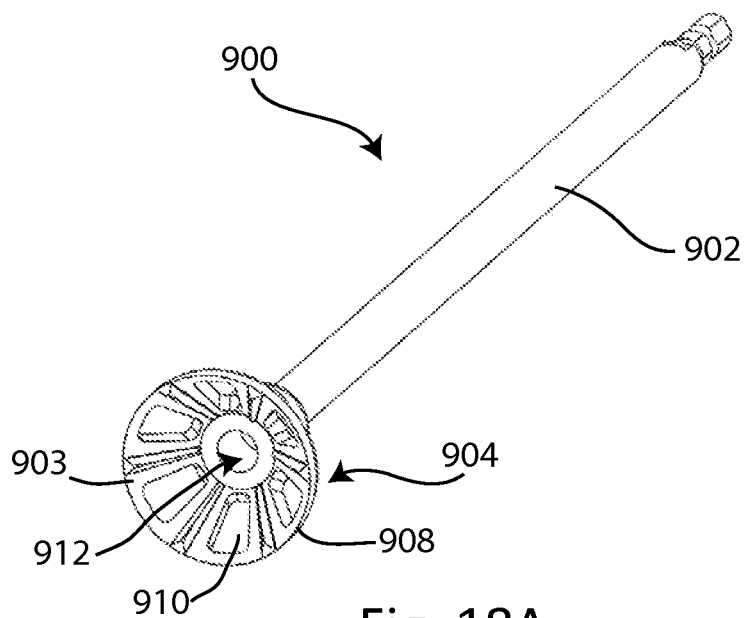


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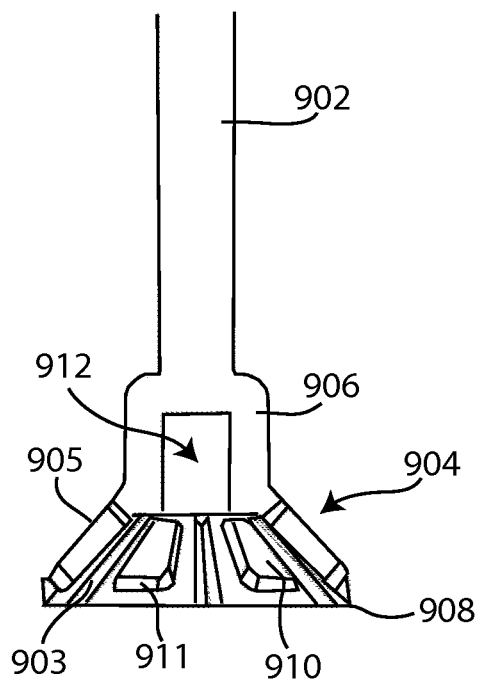


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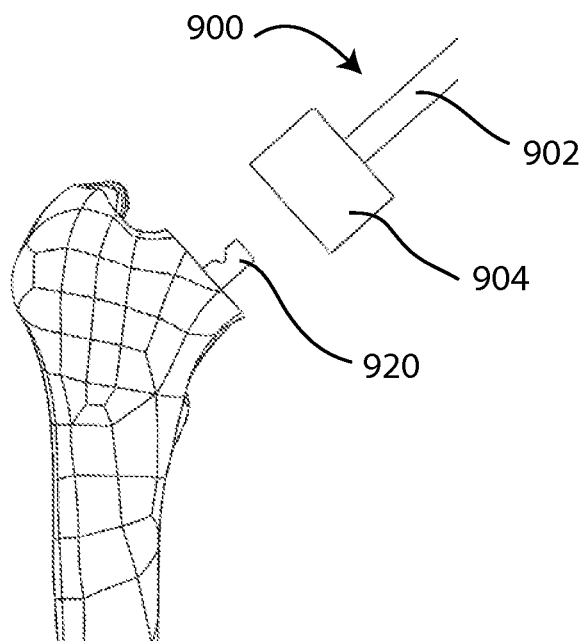


Fig. 19A

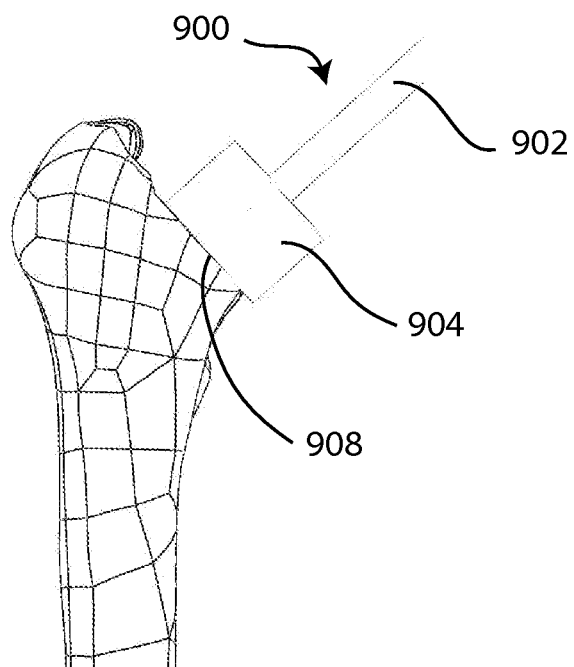


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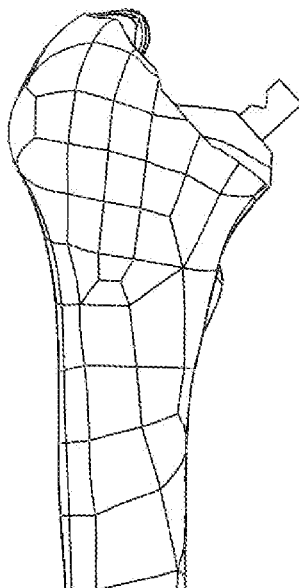


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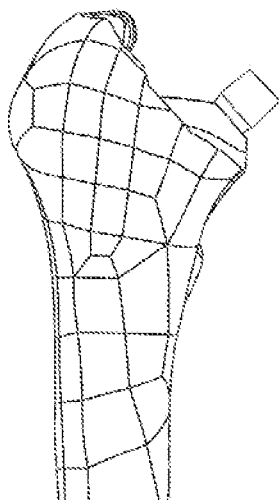


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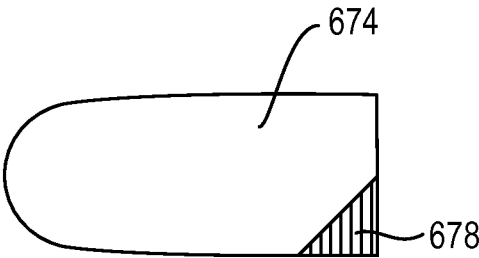


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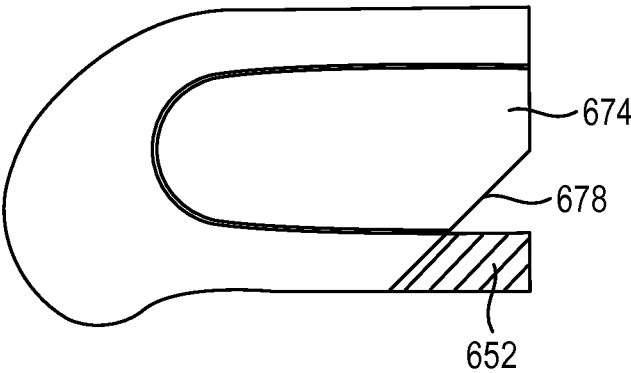


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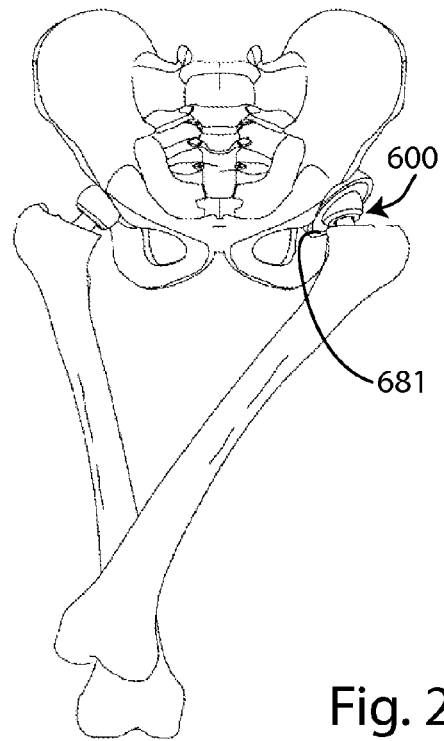


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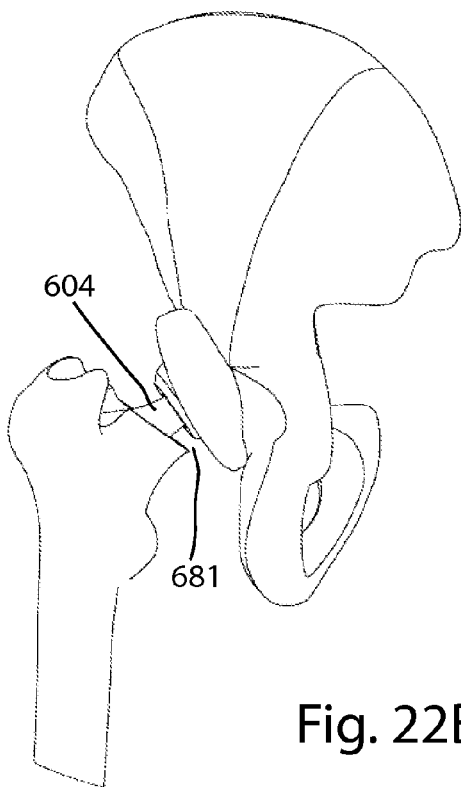


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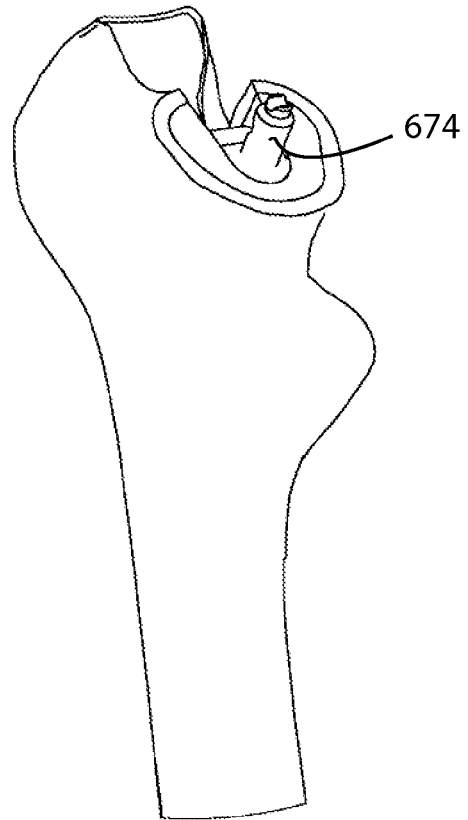


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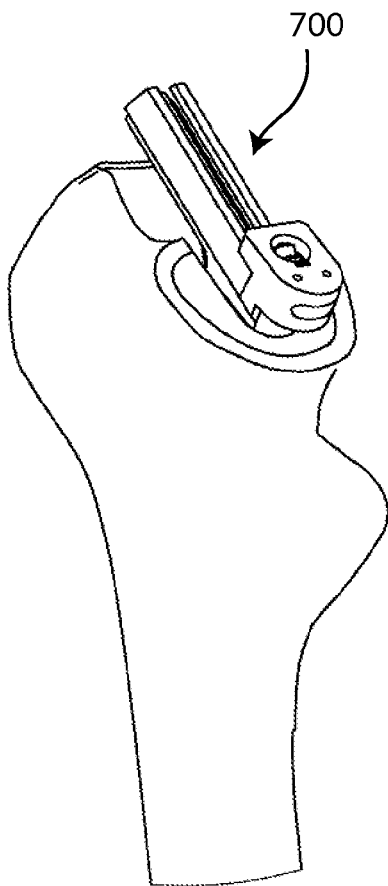


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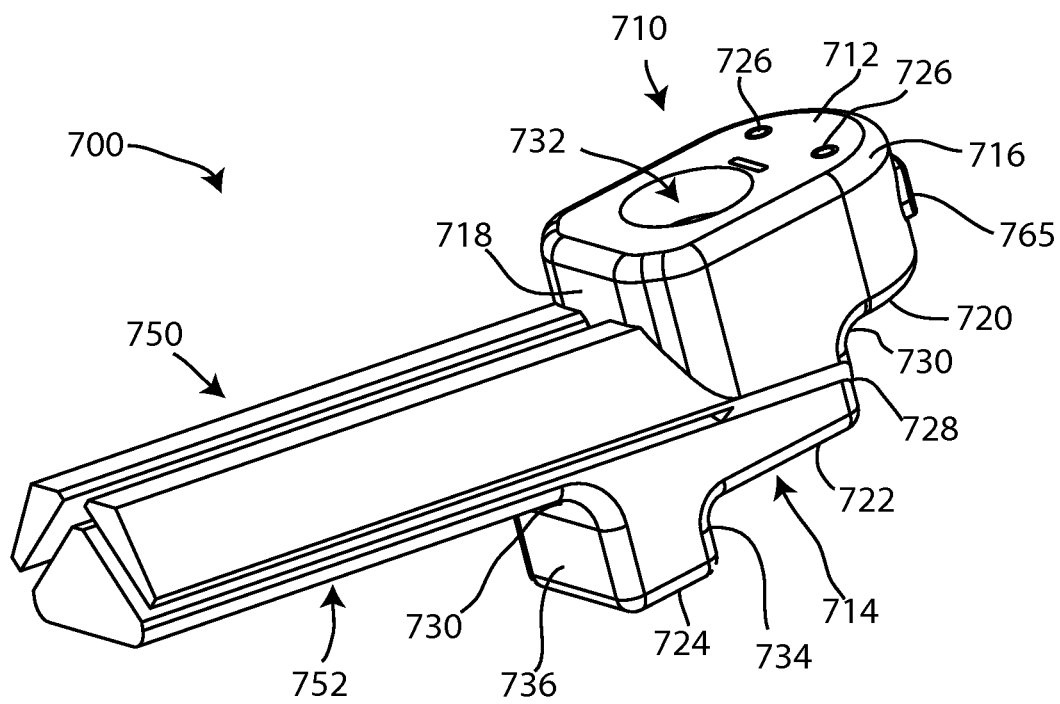


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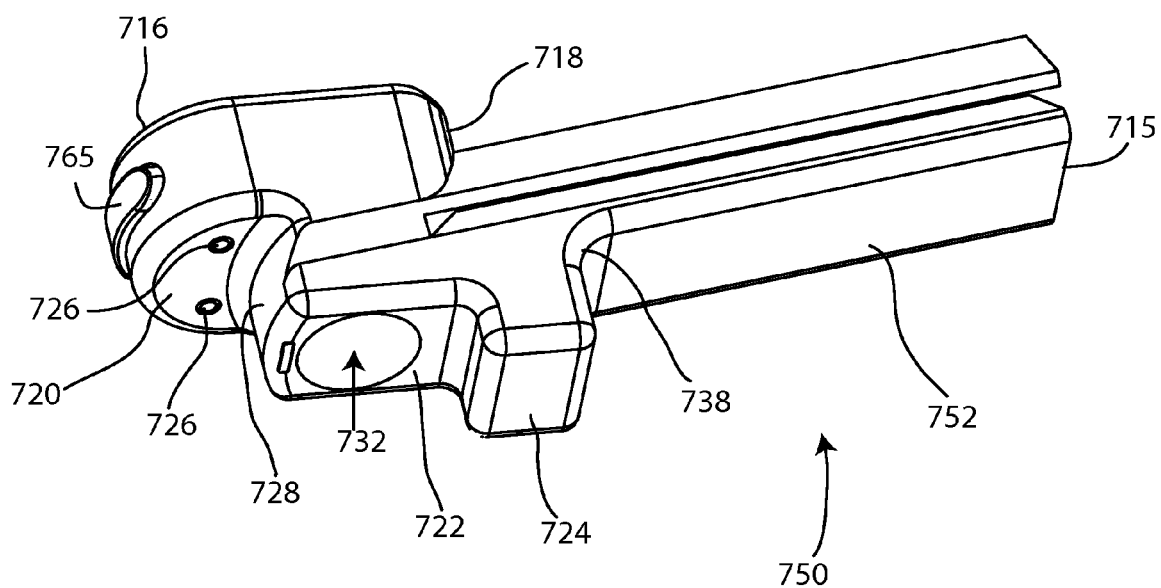


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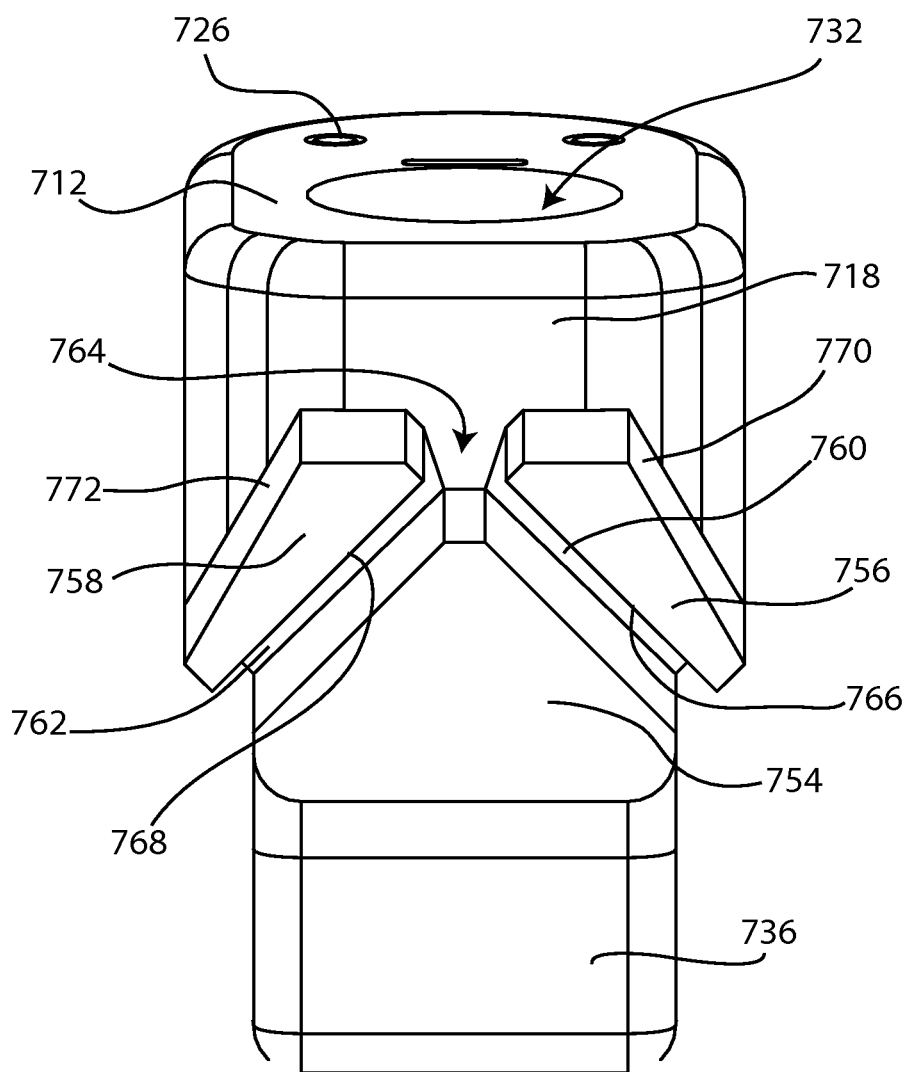


Fig. 26

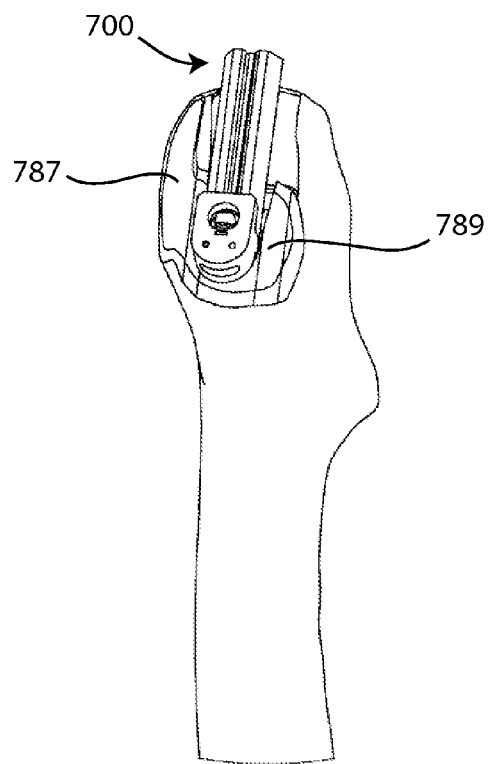


Fig. 27A

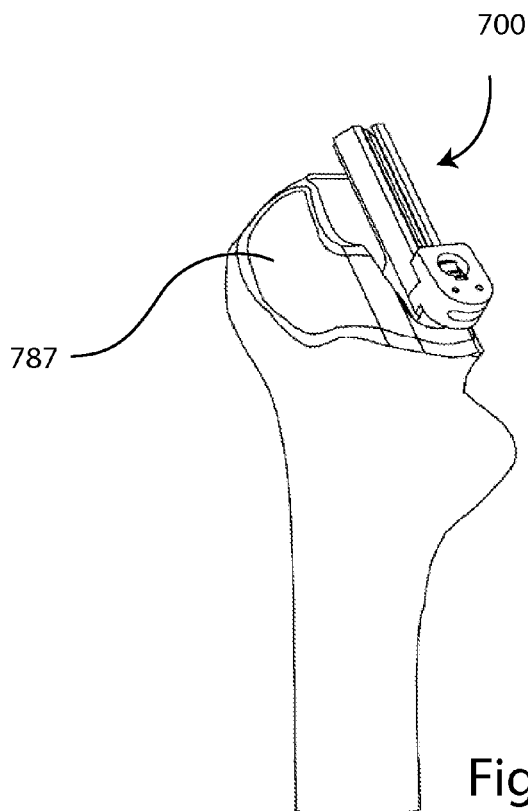


Fig. 27B

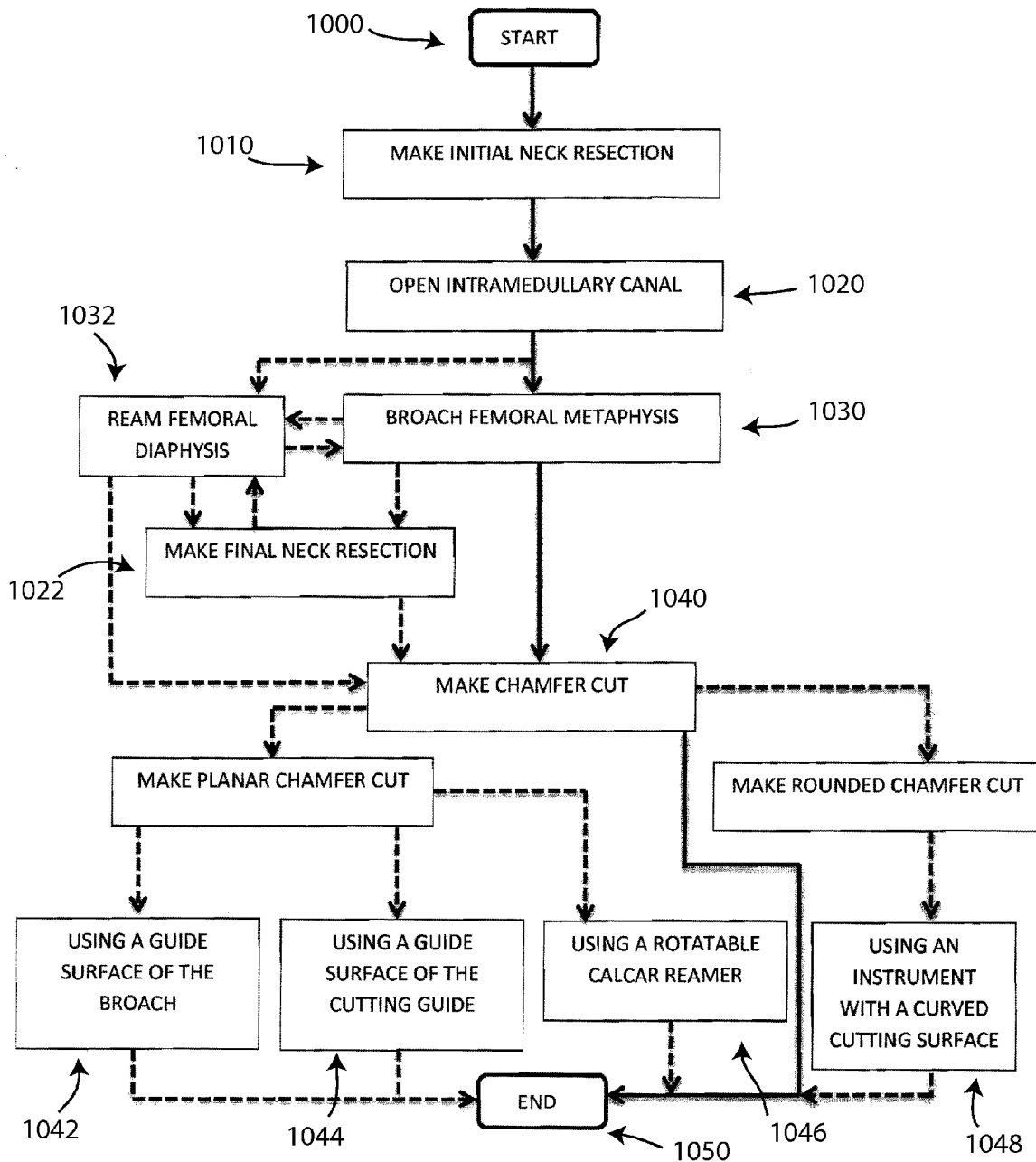


FIG. 28

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PROSTHETIC FEMORAL STEM FOR USE IN HIGH IMPACT HIP REPLACEMENT

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application claims benefit to, and is a divisional of, U.S. patent application Ser. No. 13/533,740, filed Jun. 26, 2012, which claims benefit to, and is a continuation-in-part of, U.S. patent application Ser. No. 13/366,156, filed Feb. 3, 2012, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 61/576,792, filed Dec. 16, 2011. The disclosures of each application listed above are incorporated by reference herein in their entireties.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

This disclosure relates to prostheses and methods for total hip joint replacement. Specifically, this disclosure relates to prostheses that allow for high impact hip joint replacement and to instrumentation and methods for preparing the calcar region of the proximal femur that result in greater bone preservation. A high impact stem design is described that may result in greater bone preservation of the calcar region of the proximal femur, which results in better load sharing and greater overall capability. To ensure that the increase in bone preservation does not result in the limitation of the resulting range of motion, additional instrumentation and techniques are presented that allow the surgeon to create chamfer cuts on the calcar to minimize the potential for impingement.

Total hip replacement procedures seek to replace a hip joint that has deteriorated in its functionality, range of motion, weight bearing and most, if not all, other performance and lifestyle attributes. This degeneration is commonly found in patients that suffer from osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis or osteonecrosis (avascular necrosis). Total hip replacement typically involves amputation of the femoral head, neck and a portion of the top of the femur in order to replace these structures with prosthetic components.

Individual skeletal development and postures vary from person to person. This is in part due to the three dimensional orientation of the hip socket relative to the proximal femur. The distance between the center of rotation of the femoral head and a reliable anatomical landmark, such as the lesser trochanter, may be described as the vertical offset of the head center from the lesser trochanter. This distance may be measured parallel to the femoral shaft axis, and is relevant to postoperative leg length. In the anterior-posterior view (AP view), the distance between the head center and the shaft axis may be described as the lateral offset of the shaft axis from the head center, or as the medial offset of the head center from the shaft axis. It is often referred to simply as "offset." Lateral offset may be relevant to postoperative hip abductor function. Lateral offset is independent of the neck-shaft angle. However, lateral offset may be expressed in terms of the neck-shaft angle and the neck length, which is the distance along the neck axis between the head center and the shaft axis or some other reliable landmark. The neck-shaft angle varies through a range of angles, approximately 127-140 degrees for most people. The neck length varies as well. In the lateral view, the distance between the head center and the shaft axis may be described as the anteversion offset of the head center from the shaft axis, or simply anteversion, if the head center is anteriorly displaced from the shaft axis, or as retroversion if the head center is

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posterior to the shaft axis. Anteversion or retroversion may be relevant to postoperative range of motion.

Developed by Sir John Charnley in the 1960s, the original Charnley total hip arthroplasty was a stainless steel femoral prosthesis with a small collar, a rectangular cross section and a 22-mm femoral head. Subsequent designs evolved to include different head sizes (22, 25, 25.4, 28, 32 and 35 mm), different femoral component lengths (ranging from 110 mm to 160 mm for standard prostheses), different cross sections (square, round, oval, I-beam) and a porous coating for bone ingrowth attachment and metal backing for the acetabulum (cemented or porous coated).

The neck-shaft angle and/or neck length of a prosthesis can also be highly varied in order to replicate natural anatomy or correct deformity. If the neck-shaft angle and/or neck length of a prosthesis are set so that the lateral offset is comparable to an average lateral offset value for intact normal femora, then this prosthesis may be said to have a conventional or standard offset. However, if the neck-shaft angle and/or neck length are set so that the lateral offset is relatively large, this is referred to as a high offset prosthesis. For example, the neck-shaft angle and/or neck length may be set so that the lateral offset is at least 10 mm greater than the average lateral offset value.

Any of the relevant dimensions of a prosthesis may be set so that they are comparable to an average value for intact normal femora. These dimensions may be said to be conventional dimensions. Likewise, any of the relevant dimensions may be set incrementally greater than the corresponding average value, in which case the prosthetic dimensions may be said to be augmented. It follows that smaller than average dimensions may also be selected.

A surgeon will typically measure both hip joints, including the neck-shaft angles, vertical offset, lateral offset, and leg length, prior to performing a total hip replacement procedure. These measurements allow the surgeon to match the replacement joint as closely as possible to the angles and dimensions of the original hip joint in order to achieve satisfactory range of motion, leg length, soft tissue tension, and stability. These measurements may also allow the surgeon to correct deformity or other conditions in and around the operated joint by matching the replacement joint to the contralateral hip joint.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Various examples of the present technology will now be discussed with reference to the appended drawings. It is appreciated that these drawings depict only typical examples of the invention and are therefore not to be considered limiting of its scope.

FIG. 1 is a front view of a natural proximal femur, with dashed lines indicating anatomical variants with progressively larger lateral offsets;

FIG. 2 is a front view of a prior art total hip femoral prosthesis, with dashed lines indicating a variant having a much larger lateral offset and a slightly larger vertical offset;

FIG. 3 is a front view of another prior art total hip femoral prosthesis, with a cross-hatched area indicating a variant having a ninety degree neck angle, both prostheses having identical lateral and vertical offsets;

FIG. 4 is a front view of yet another prior art total hip femoral prosthesis, with a cross-hatched area indicating a variant having the same lateral offset and a larger vertical offset;

FIG. 5A is a front view of yet another prior art total hip femoral prosthesis, with a stem component, a conventional

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length neck, and a head component; and FIG. 5B is a front view of the stem and head of FIG. 5A with a longer neck component;

FIG. 6A is a front view of a another prior art total hip femoral prosthesis with a short stem; and FIG. 6B is a front view of the femoral prosthesis of 6A inserted into a proximal femur with a traditional resection level;

FIG. 7 is a cross section of a prosthetic hip stem with a shortened neck, high resection level inserted and high porous coating level into a femur;

FIG. 8 is a cross section of a proximal femur with inserted hip stem with a traditional porous coating level;

FIG. 9 is a side view of a proximal hip stem with a means for shortening the neck;

FIG. 10A is a side view of a proximal hip stem with a means for shortening the neck; and FIG. 10B cross section of the superior surface of the proximal hip stem with a means for shortening the neck;

FIG. 11A is side view of a hip stem with two different possible offsets; FIG. 11B is a table describing the geometric relationship between the diameter of the stem portion and the lateral offset;

FIG. 12A is a front view of a hip stem with a shortened neck, high neck resection level and a shortened stem; FIG. 12B is a front view of the hip stem of 12A inserted into a proximal femur;

FIG. 13A is a cross section of a proximal femur that has been resected at the head neck junction; FIG. 13B is a top view of a proximal femur that has had the IM canal opened using a box chisel; FIG. 13C is a cross section of a femur that has been broached; FIG. 13D is a cross section of a femur with an inserted broach, before final neck resection; and FIG. 13E is a cross section of the proximal femur and broach of FIG. 13D after final neck resection;

FIG. 14A is a cross section of a proximal femur with a traditional resection level and a stem with a traditional porous coating level; FIG. 14B is a cross section of a proximal femur with a high resection level and a stem with a high porous coating level;

FIG. 15A is a superior view of a chamfered bone section with a high resection level; FIG. 15B is a front view of a chamfered bone section with a high resection level; FIG. 15C is a superior front view of a chamfered bone section with a lower resection level; FIG. 15D is a front view of a chamfered bone section with a lower resection level;

FIG. 16A is an isometric view of a proximal femur with a high resection level that has been broached; FIG. 16B is an isometric view of the proximal femur of FIG. 16A, with a shaded area indicating bone to be removed to form a chamfered anterior edge; FIG. 16C is a top view of the proximal femur with a high resection level and a chamfered anterior edge; FIG. 16D is a proximal femur with a high resection level and a chamfered anterior and posterior edge; FIG. 16E is a top view of a proximal femur with a high resection level and chamfered anterior edge, with a hip stem and a head; FIG. 16F is a top view of a rotated proximal femur with a high resection level and chamfered anterior edge, with a hip stem and acetabular cup inserted;

FIG. 17A is a side view of a broach that includes a mating feature for guiding a reamer along a trajectory to create a chamfer on the bone; FIG. 17B is a side view of a planar reamer and a broach; FIG. 17C is a side view of a planar reamer engaged with a broach;

FIG. 18A is a bottom perspective view of a chamfered reamer with a cup-shaped cutting feature; FIG. 18B is a cross section of the chamfered reamer of FIG. 18A;

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FIG. 19A is a front view of a proximal femur with an inserted broach and protruding post; FIG. 19B is a front view of a chamfered reamer engaged with the broach of FIG. 19A;

FIG. 20A is a front view of a proximal femur with an inserted broach and protruding post after the calcar region has been reamed using a chamfered reamer; FIG. 20B is a front view of a proximal femur that has been reamed using a chamfered reamer and a hip stem has been inserted;

FIG. 21A is a superior view of a broach with a beveled edge; FIG. 21B is a top view of a broach with a beveled edge inserted into a proximal femur cutout with a beveled anterior edge;

FIG. 22A is a front view of a femur with a hip stem with a modular head mated with an acetabular cup and liner in a pelvis; FIG. 22B is a front view of a hip stem with a modular head inserted into an acetabular liner, where there is impingement between the bone and the acetabular implant;

FIG. 23A is a top perspective view of a broach inserted into a proximal femur; FIG. 23B is a top perspective view of a chamfer cutting guide attached to a broach inserted into a proximal femur;

FIG. 24 is a top perspective view of a chamfer cutting guide;

FIG. 25 is a bottom perspective view of a chamfer cutting guide;

FIG. 26 is a side view of a chamfer cutting guide;

FIG. 27A is a top view of a chamfer cutting guide attached to a broach inserted into a femur and a chamfered bone surface; and FIG. 27B is a top perspective view of a chamfer cutting guide attached to a broach inserted into a femur and a chamfered bone surface; and

FIG. 28 is a diagram illustrating methods of preparing anterior and/or posterior chamfer cuts.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

The present disclosure sets forth a prosthetic high impact femoral hip stem including shortened neck and a means for strengthening the neck. Additionally, the present disclosure sets for a means for reducing potential impingement with the prosthetic hip stem, and maintaining the patient's natural range of motion.

In this specification, standard medical directional terms are employed with the ordinary and customary meanings. Superior means toward the head. Inferior means away from the head. Anterior means toward the front. Posterior means toward the back. Medial means toward the midline, of plane of bilateral symmetry, of the body. Lateral means away from the midline of the body. Proximal means toward the trunk of the body. Distal means away from the trunk. Additionally, standard hip anatomical terms are employed with their ordinary and customary meanings.

Referring to FIG. 1, an intact natural femur 110 is shown in solid lines in a front view, which may also be described as an anterior-posterior (AP) view. The femur 110 has a proximal end 100 which includes a shaft 102, a neck 104 and a head 106. The shaft 102 has a center longitudinal axis 112. The neck 104 has a center longitudinal axis 124 which is oblique to the shaft axis. The head 106 may be approximately spherical. The head has a center point 114, or center of rotation center 114 is spaced apart from the shaft axis 112 by a lateral offset distance 130, which is an average lateral offset value, otherwise known as a conventional offset or standard offset.

Lateral offset 130 may be approximately 39.8 mm to 54.2 mm, based on the work of Rubin, et al. as published in 1992

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in the *British Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery* (JBJS BR), volume 74B, pages 28-32, which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety. Alternately, lateral offset 130 may be 36.2 mm to 49.8 mm, based on the work of Noble, et al. as published in 1988 in *Clinical Orthopedics and Related Research* (CORR), Number 235, pages 148-165, which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.

FIG. 1 also illustrates an anatomical variant of femur 110, which has another approximately spherical femoral head 116 with a center point 118. The center 118, which may lie on the neck axis 124, is spaced apart from the shaft axis 112 by a second lateral offset distance 132 which is greater than lateral offset 130. This distance has been exaggerated in FIG. 1 for clarity. This variant may be said to have a high lateral offset. The center 118 may also have a greater vertical offset than center 114 from any reliable anatomical landmark on femur 110, and may thus be offset from the neck axis 124. It can be appreciated that the neck 104 in this variant is naturally long enough to reach from the shaft 102 to the head 116.

FIG. 1 also illustrates another anatomical variant of femur 110, which has yet another approximately spherical femoral head 120 with a center 122. The center 122, which is shown lying on neck axis 124, is spaced apart from the shaft axis 112 by a third lateral offset distance 134 which is greater than the second lateral offset 132. This distance has also been exaggerated in FIG. 1 for clarity. This variant may be said to have a high offset. More specifically, the offset may be characterized as an extra-high offset. The center 122 may also have a greater vertical offset than center 118 from any reliable anatomical landmark on femur 110. It can be appreciated that the neck 104 in this variant is naturally long enough to reach from the shaft 102 to the head 120.

Rubin (JBJS BR 1992) reports offsets up to 62.8 mm. Offsets up to 68.6 mm may be predicted from Rubin's mean of 47.0 mm plus three standard deviations of 7.2 mm. Noble (CORR 1988) reports offsets up to 61.0 mm. Offsets up to 63.4 mm may be predicted from Noble's mean of 43.0 mm plus three standard deviations of 6.8 mm.

Referring to FIG. 2, a prior art total hip femoral prosthesis 200 is shown implanted in the proximal end 100 of femur 110. Modular femoral prosthesis 200 includes a stem component 206, a neck component 208, and a head component 210. The neck 208 and head 210 and stem 206 are secured together. The stem 206 is shown within a prepared canal in the femoral shaft 102. A femoral neck osteotomy has been performed, removing the neck 104, head 106, and a portion of the proximal end 100, leaving an angled resection surface 108. The stem 206 has a center longitudinal axis 214 which may align with the shaft axis 112 when the stem is implanted in the shaft 102. The neck 208 has a center longitudinal axis 216 which may be oblique to the stem axis 214. The head 210 is spherical and has a center point 212 which lies on the neck axis 216. The center 212 is spaced apart from the stem axis 214 by a lateral offset distance 240, which is a conventional lateral offset.

FIG. 2 also illustrates another prior art total hip femoral prosthesis 220, which includes the stem 206, another neck component 222, and another head component 224. The neck 222 has a center longitudinal axis 230 which may be oblique to the stem axis 214. The head 224 is spherical and has a center point 226 which lies on the neck axis 230. The center 226 is spaced apart from the stem axis 214 by a lateral offset distance 242 which is greater than lateral offset 240. Lateral offset 242 may be called a high offset compared to lateral offset 240. The center 226 may also have a greater vertical offset than center 212 from any reliable anatomical land-

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mark on femur 110. Neck 222 is approximately 38 mm long measured from base to end along the neck axis 230.

It can be appreciated that high offset neck 222 is longer than conventional neck 208. Therefore, neck 222 may experience higher stresses than neck 208 during use. Neck 222 may bend, crack, or break due to high service stresses and/or accidental overload from trips, slips, falls, or other trauma, particularly over years in vivo. Neck 222 may be expected to fail in or near the indicated region 228. Failure of the neck 222 will require corrective surgery to replace at least the broken neck, with attendant rehabilitation and risks of significant complications.

Referring to FIG. 3, a prior art total hip femoral prosthesis 302 is shown implanted in the proximal end 100 of femur 110. Modular femoral prosthesis 302 includes a stem component 304, a neck component 306, and a head component 308. The neck 306 and head 308 and stem 304 are secured together. The stem 304 is shown within a prepared canal in the femoral shaft 102. The femoral shaft 102 has been prepared as set forth above. The stem 304 has a center longitudinal axis 310 which may align with the shaft axis 112 when the stem is implanted in the shaft 102. The neck 306 has a center longitudinal axis 314 which may be oblique to the stem axis 310. The head 308 is spherical and has a center point 312. The center 312 is spaced apart from the stem axis 310 by a lateral offset distance 340.

FIG. 3 also illustrates another prior art total hip femoral prosthesis 320, which includes a longer stem component 322, a horizontal neck component 324 and another head component 326. The stem 322 is aligned with stem axis 310. The neck 324 has a center longitudinal axis 328 which may be perpendicular to the stem axis 310, or nearly so. The head 326 is in the same position as head 308. Therefore, head 326 has the same lateral offset 340 and vertical offset as head 308.

It can be appreciated that neck 324 may be shorter than neck 306, however, stem 322 and neck 324 protrude proximally from femur 110 more than stem 304 and neck 306 do. Therefore, stem 322 and neck 324 may hinder abduction by impinging surrounding anatomical structures, such as the lateral pelvis.

Referring to FIG. 4, a prior art total hip femoral prosthesis 402 is shown implanted in the proximal end 100 of femur 110. Modular femoral prosthesis 402 includes a stem component 403, a neck component 404, and a head component 406. The neck 404 and head 406 and stem 403 are secured together. The stem 403 is shown within a prepared canal in the femoral shaft 102. The femoral shaft 102 has been prepared as set forth above. The stem 403 has a center longitudinal axis 410 which may align with the shaft axis 112 when the stem is implanted in the shaft 102. The stem 403 has a placement slot 408 for a stem inserter instrument (not shown), a tool used for driving the stem into the prepared canal within the femur. The neck 404 has a center longitudinal axis 414 which may be oblique to the stem axis 410. The head 406 is spherical and has a center point 412. The center 412 is spaced apart from the stem axis 410 by a lateral offset distance 440.

FIG. 4 also illustrates another prior art total hip femoral prosthesis 422, which includes another stem component 424, another neck component 426, and another head component 428. The stem 424 is aligned with stem axis 410. The neck 426 has a center longitudinal axis 432 which may be oblique to the stem axis 410. The head 428 is spherical and has a center point 430. The center 430 is spaced apart from the stem axis 410 by lateral offset distance 440. It can be appreciated that center 430 is farther than center 412 from

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any landmark on femur **110** in a direction parallel to axis **410**. Prosthesis **422** may be said to have a high vertical offset compared to prosthesis **402**.

Referring to FIG. 5A, a prior art modular total hip femoral prosthesis **500** includes a stem component **502**, a neck component **506**, and a head component **508**. The neck **506** and head **508** and stem **502** are secured together. The stem **502** has a center longitudinal axis **512** which may align with the shaft axis **112** when the stem is implanted in the shaft **102**. The stem **502** also has a pocket **504** which receives a distal portion of the neck **506** when the prosthesis **500** is assembled. The neck **506** has a center longitudinal axis **516** which may be oblique to the stem axis **512**. A distal center of rotation **510** may be defined on the neck axis **516** in the distal portion of the neck **506**. The distal center of rotation **510** may be in the pocket **504** when the neck **506** is secured to the stem **502**. The head **508** is spherical and has a center point **514**. The center **514** may coincide with the neck axis **516** in a proximal portion of the neck **506** when the head **508** is secured to the neck **506**, thus the center **514** may also be referred to as a proximal center of rotation of the neck. The center **514** is spaced apart from the distal center **510** by a medial-lateral distance **518** and a distance **520** along the neck axis **516**. Medial-lateral distance **518** is approximately 20 mm to 50 mm. Distance **520** is approximately 20 mm to 30 mm.

Referring to FIG. 5B, a prior art high offset modular total hip femoral prosthesis includes stem **502** and head **508** with a longer modular neck component **550**. The neck **550** has a center longitudinal axis **552** which may be oblique to the stem axis **512**. The center of head **508** in this arrangement is at point **554**. The center **554** is spaced apart from the distal center **510** by a medial-lateral distance **522** and a distance **524** along the neck axis **552**. Distance **524** is greater than distance **520**. Medial-lateral distance **522** is greater than medial-lateral distance **518** by the increment **526**. Increment **526** is approximately 10 mm to 20 mm. Therefore, medial-lateral distance **522** is approximately 30 mm to 70 mm. Distance **524** is approximately 30 mm to 40 mm. Disadvantageously, the increase in lateral offset places significantly greater stress and strain on the longer modular neck **550**, as described for neck **222**.

Referring to FIGS. 6A and 6B, a standard, prior art short wedge-style prosthetic hip stem is illustrated with a traditional neck resection level. As illustrated in FIG. 6A, the short wedge-style hip stem **800** includes a traditional porous coating level **802** and a traditional effective neck length **804**, as defined by the distance from a proximal boundary **806** of the porous coating level to a center point **807** of a head connection feature **808**. The short wedge-style prosthetic hip stem **800** includes a shortened stem portion **810**. The shortened stem portion **810** includes an elbow feature **812**, which may also be described as a trochanteric relief transition. A distal boundary **805** of the porous coating level is shown below the trochanteric relief transition **812**. Referring to FIG. 6B, the standard short wedge-style hip stem **800** is shown inserted into a proximal femur with a traditional neck resection level **814**. The neck resection is level corresponds with the proximal boundary **806** of the porous coating.

Having described various commercially available styles of total hip prosthesis, the following description relates to examples of a total hip prosthesis that includes a shortened neck and more proximal coating allowing for a higher neck resection. Another example includes a means for strengthening the neck. Additionally, the following description provides a method for preparing the calcar region such that

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potential impingement is reduced, allowing the patient to maintain a normal range of motion.

Referring to FIG. 7, an example of a prosthetic femoral hip stem **600** with a shortened neck and more proximal coating is shown implanted into a proximal femur. Femoral hip stem **600** may include features similar to those described in FIGS. 1-6, including a conventional lateral offset **601**, a standard stem length and a standard proximal body design. The stem component **602** is shown to extend into the intramedullary canal. Femoral hip stem includes a head connection feature **606** shaped to receive a modular femoral head. Head connection feature **606** may include a center point **605**. Additionally, femoral hip stem **600** may be designed for a higher neck resection than is used with conventional stems, allowing for a shortened prosthetic neck **604**. The neck **604** may be medialized in this example. The neck axis has been shifted away from the stem axis, compared to a conventional stem. Portions of the stem **602**, neck **604** and head connection feature **606** may be fabricated from different materials according to the requirements of each portion.

Femoral hip stem **600** may also include a superior surface **620** that extends along a transverse plane that is proximal to the stem **602**, and may intersect a lateral portion of stem **602** and neck **604**. In other words, superior surface **620** may blend the superior portions of the stem **602** and a base portion of the neck **604** together. The superior surface may be smooth and planar, or may include surface texture elements such as roughening, and may also be contoured.

The shortened neck **604** may be fabricated with a substrate of one material, and include an exterior coating **608** of another material. The coating **608** may be porous to enhance bone ingrowth around the neck **604**. The shortened neck **604** may allow for a high level of porous coating **608**, wherein at least a portion of a proximal boundary **610** of the more proximal coating **608** may extend from a proximal portion of the stem **602** along a plane parallel to the superior surface **620**. Bone ingrowth onto the shortened neck may facilitate load sharing with the shortened neck, allowing for a high impact application. The proximal boundary **610** of the more proximal coating **608** may then extend distally at an angle across a base portion of the neck **604**. The angled portion of the proximal boundary **610** may be located at a first distance **612** from the center point **605** of the head connecting feature **606**.

The lateral extent of shortened neck **604** may be defined as the lateral distance between the resection level on the stem, or the porous coating level on the stem, and the center of the head connecting feature **606**, or the center of an actual head, if present. More specifically, the lateral extent may be defined as the lateral distance between the intersection of the neck axis and the resection or porous coating level, and the center of the head connecting feature **606**, or head. The lateral extent of the shortened neck **604** may be a percentage of the total lateral offset distance described previously, for example with reference to FIG. 1. The lateral extent may be about 50% of the lateral offset, or it may be smaller, such as 40%, 30% or 20% of the total medial offset. For example, if the total lateral offset is 45 mm, the lateral extent may be defined as 30% of the total lateral offset, or 15 mm. It can be appreciated that a smaller lateral extent correlates with a shorter neck, as measured along the neck axis.

Comparatively, a femoral hip stem that is similar to hip stem **600**, but with a longer neck and a traditional porous coating level is shown in FIG. 8. The traditional porous coating has a proximal boundary is located a second distance **614** from the center point **605** of head connecting feature

606, wherein the second distance 614 is larger than the first distance 612 shown in FIG. 6.

By shortening the neck 604 and including a more proximal coating 608, as shown in FIG. 7, the amount of unsupported neck length may be reduced and the moment arm length may be decreased, as a more proximal coating may enhance bony ingrowth closer to the head portion 606, thus reducing the stress put on the neck 606 by increasing the amount of load that can be shared with native bone. The high impact hip stem described in FIGS. 7 and 9-11 is optimized for larger diameter heads (such as ≥ 36 mm), providing a range of motion comparable to the natural hip joint. By designing the prosthetic neck geometry around a larger diameter prosthetic head, the prosthetic neck length can be shortened while maintaining a desirable ratio between the diameter of the prosthetic head and the diameter of the neck at the level where acetabular impingement would occur.

Another example of a high impact femoral hip stem 600 may include a means for strengthening the neck. Referring to FIGS. 9 and 10A-10B, a proximal portion of femoral hip stem 600 is shown. It can be appreciated that stem 600 may include additional material deposited on the superior surface 620, relative to earlier designs, to create a rounded superior surface 622 that serves as a means for strengthening the neck. The addition of material to the superior surface to create a means for strengthening the neck may include material that is the same as the material used to fabricate the neck and stem portions, or may be a different material. FIGS. 10A and 10B provides a cross section A-A of the rounded superior surface 622, where additional material is present on the superior surface 620. Alternatively, the additional material may create a proximally elevated cross-section that is polygonal, rectangular or otherwise irregularly shaped.

The rounded superior surface 622 may serve to maintain a constant distance between the intended femoral head center location and the intersection of the lateral neck and the stem superior surface. This "effective neck length" 624 may remain approximately constant as the size of the overall implant is varied (stem diameter and offset). The additional material 620 may thus provide a constant, effective neck length 624, which is defined as the length between the intersection of the neck 604 and the additional material 620 and a center point of the head component 606. The porous coating 608 may also extend over the rounded superior surface 622.

The designs herein, such as that illustrated in FIGS. 9-10B, may be well adapted for prosthetic femoral heads larger than 22 mm, preferably larger than 32 mm, and preferably larger than 36 mm. Larger prosthetic heads may provide relatively greater range of motion than do smaller heads. The increased range of motion may be enjoyed on its own merits, or it may influence other choices in the overall design of a large-head total hip arthroplasty system. For example, instead of providing an actual increase in range of motion in the large-head system, the neck diameter or width may be augmented to improve its strength, a higher neck resection may be used, and/or a thinner acetabular component may be provided. A higher neck resection may permit the design to incorporate a higher level of porous coating, a shorter neck, and/or a medialized neck. While these choices may result in a large-head system whose range of motion is comparable to that of a small-head system, they may also result in a system whose strength and load transfer characteristics are better adapted for high demand patients.

Referring to FIGS. 11A and 11B, an additional example of the high impact femoral hip stem may combine the shortened neck length 604 described in FIG. 7 with the rounded superior surface 622 described in FIGS. 8 and 9, as a means for strengthening the neck. By combining these features, the neck may be strengthened enough such that the maximum femoral offset available for a given stem diameter or size may be increased. Specifically, this may be advantageous for patients with small intramedullary canal anatomy and large lateral offsets. This femoral morphology may be referred to as a "champagne flute" morphology. Referring to FIG. 11A, two different possible offsets are illustrated—a high offset 642, which may have lateral offsets comparable to the high offset offerings of standard stem designs, and a high offset plus 640 design, which may have increased lateral offsets.

The table presented in FIG. 11B presents an example of a geometric relationship between the diameter of the stem portion 602 and the lateral offset. The leftmost column of the table lists various distal stem diameters. The rightmost two columns present lateral offset values for the two designs. The rightmost column illustrates a 5 mm increase in lateral offset, although other increments are contemplated. For example, the high offset plus design may incorporate lateral offsets which are greater than one or two standard deviations above an average lateral offset for a patient population. Lateral offsets which are greater than three or more standard deviations above the average are also contemplated.

Referring to FIGS. 12A-12B, an alternative embodiment of a high impact femoral hip stem with a shortened stem is illustrated. Femoral hip stem 850 may be similar to the hip stem described in FIGS. 6A and 6B, but may include a more proximal porous coating 852, a higher neck resection level 854, and thus, a shorter "effective neck length". Femoral hip stem 850 may include a shortened stem 856 with a trochanteric relief transition 858, and a medial curvature 860 with a continuous flare and gradual curvature. Femoral hip stem 850 may also include a head connecting feature 862, similar to previous embodiments described herein.

The shortened stem 856 may be less than 6 cm in length, or may be longer. The more proximal porous coating 852 may include a proximal boundary 851 and a distal boundary 853. The proximal boundary 851 of the more proximal porous coating 852 is illustrated to lie closer to the head connecting feature 862 than the proximal boundary 806 of the porous coating illustrated in FIGS. 6A and 6B. Also, the distal boundary 853 of the more proximal porous 852 coating may be located at or proximal to the trochanteric relief transition 858. By placing the distal boundary 852 of the more proximal porous coating 852 at this location, the implant may be more easily removed during a revision surgery, as the coating does not extend around the bend 858.

Further, when femoral hip stem 850 is inserted into a proximal femur, as illustrated in FIG. 12B, the neck resection level 854 is higher than the neck resection 814 shown in FIG. 6B. By shifting the neck resection level proximally, and thus shifting the porous coating proximally, subsequent revisions to the hip stem may become easier when compared to traditional hip stems with traditional porous coating levels. Also, similar to previous embodiments, the high neck resection level may allow for greater preservation of the natural femur, specifically in the calcar region, allowing the stem to share more of the load with the native femur and increasing the overall strength of the construct. Bony integration may be achieved closer to the prosthetic head. Because the porous coating is more proximal, and higher up on the medial flare, a greater compressive stress may occur in the bone at the interface, which may help to facilitate

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greater bone ingrowth. This may further reduce the unsupported length of neck. Overall, this may substantially prevent loosening of the stem in the femur, reduce migration of the stem within the femur, and provide greater implant stability.

Femoral hip stem **850** may also include a means for strengthening the neck, as described in previous embodiments.

Any of the stem components set forth herein may be fabricated from biocompatible materials. Examples of biocompatible materials include, but are not limited to, metals such as stainless steels, titanium and its alloys, cobalt-chrome-molybdenum alloys, and other chromium alloys; polymers such as polyetheretherketone (PEEK) and polyaryletherketone (PAEK); ceramics such as alumina and zirconia; and composites such as carbon fiber reinforced epoxy resin. Portions of a stem component may be fabricated from different materials according to the requirements of each portion. A stem component may be fabricated with a distal portion of one material and a proximal portion of another material. A stem component may be fabricated with a substrate of one material and a coating of another material. The material or materials may be solid (i.e., non-porous) or porous. The surface of a stem component may be smooth or rough on a micro- or macroscopic level. A stem component may be fabricated by casting, forging, machining, or a combination of methods. Castings may be applied by thermal, chemical, electrical, or comparable means. For example, coatings may be sintered, sputtered, vapor deposited, ion implanted, electroplated, and the like.

Any of the neck components set forth herein may be fabricated as described above for the stem components. Neck components may be preferably fabricated with materials, surface treatments, and methods of fabrication which enhance strength, or minimize unavoidable reductions in strength.

FIGS. **13A-13E** illustrate steps in a method for preparing and inserting the high impact hip stem with a high final resection level. An osteotomy may be performed by removing the head to create a prepared resection surface at or near the head-neck junction as illustrated in FIG. **13A**. The intramedullary (IM) canal may then be opened, using a box chisel or other comparable surgical instrument as shown in FIG. **13B**.

Once the IM canal has been opened, as shown in FIG. **13C** the surgeon may then ream the distal IM canal and broach the proximal IM canal and proximal metaphysis, as illustrated in FIGS. **13D** and **13E**. Next, the neck resection may be completed using the broach as the resection guide for a planar calcar reamer or saw, FIG. **13E**.

FIGS. **14A** and **14B** provide a comparison between a traditional resection level (FIG. **12A**) and the final resection level according to the technique described in FIGS. **11A-11E**. The final resection level (FIG. **14B**) is higher on the femoral neck than traditional resectioning techniques, resulting in greater load sharing with native bone.

The high impact stem design described in FIGS. **7** and **9-11** may use the surgical technique described in FIGS. **13A-13E** for greater bone preservation of the calcar region of the proximal femur during total hip arthroplasty, and thus enhanced load sharing. However, the increase in bone preservation potentially limits the patient's range of motion due to impingement.

Previous designs utilize a lower femoral neck cut and alter the implant neck geometry, including the incorporation of neck flats, to provide relief against acetabular component impingement when using smaller head sizes. When using

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larger head sizes, this same geometry alteration can be made in the surrounding bone, for example, by using chamfer cuts, relief, rounding, edge break, or other modifications in the zone of potential impingement. Chamfer cuts or other cuts made in the surrounding bone may provide relief where impingement will occur against the acetabular component. This may allow for a thicker implant neck geometry to be used, since impingement relief is addressed in the bone and not the implant. Any method can be used to alter the bony geometry to this effect, including removing portions of bone to reveal chamfered, planar surfaces. Some proximal bone may be retained for load sharing in a high impact application, such as a bony "shelf" to help transfer load from the neck portion of an inserted hip stem. Alternative bone surface geometries may include a rounded surface, an L-shaped cut-out or otherwise contoured surface resection geometry.

FIGS. **15A** and **15B** illustrate an example of a chamfered bone section that may be used in conjunction with the high impact hip stem that has previously been described. The chamfered bone surfaces shown in FIGS. **15A** and **15B** may maintain a high level of calcar bone, while allowing for a typical range of motion. FIGS. **15C** and **15D** illustrate another example of a chamfered bone, in which the resection surface is more angulated, while still retaining a high level of calcar bone, and also allow for a typical range of motion.

FIGS. **16A-25B** illustrate instruments and methods that may be used for creating the chamfered surfaces to reduce impingement and allowing for a hip stem with a strengthened neck. FIGS. **16A-16F** illustrate additional steps to further prepare the anterior calcar chamber to increase range of motion and to prevent possible impingement of the prosthetic components and/or host bone. FIG. **16A** illustrates a proximal femur that may have been prepared according to the technique of FIGS. **13A-13E**. A portion of the femoral head has been removed to reveal a horse-shoe shaped cavity **650** that may allow for access to the IM canal. The depth and width of the cavity may be variable, according to the patient's anatomy. Alternatively, the cavity may be rectangular or irregularly shaped. In FIG. **16B**, the proximal femur has been further prepared by introducing a beveled or chamfered anterior edge **652** to the cavity **650**. FIG. **16C** provides a top view of the cavity **650**, which may include a first, non-beveled posterior edge **654** and a beveled anterior edge **652**. Alternatively, both the anterior and posterior edge may be beveled. In this case, the posterior and inferior bone stock may be preserved for maximal stress transfer, as illustrated in FIG. **16D**. When the anterior edge is beveled, the range of motion may be enhanced, as shown in FIGS. **16E** and **16F**. Referring to FIGS. **16E-16F**, a top view of a proximal hip stem inserted into a femur through the cavity **650** is shown, with the head connecting component **606** connected to a modular head **665**, which is received by an acetabular cup **666**. The implanted hip stem may be the hip stem **600** described in previous examples. FIG. **16E** illustrates the hip stem **600** and connected modular head **665** in a neutral, non-rotated position. FIG. **16F** illustrates the hip stem **600** and connected modular head **665** rotated such that the anterior, beveled edge **452** of the cavity **450** comes into contact with the acetabular cup **666**. It can be seen that the beveled edge **652** reduces the potential for impingement by allowing the proximal femur and to rotate further before contacting the anterior edge of the acetabular cup **666**.

Referring to FIGS. **17A-17C**, a beveled anterior edge **652** may be prepared by using a planar reamer **670**, sometimes referred to as a calcar planer or calcar reamer, on a post **672** engaged with a broach **674**. FIG. **17A** shows a broach **674**.

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The broach includes an oblique proximal hole **676** which is perpendicular to the desired angle of the beveled anterior edge **652**. With the broach **674** fitted into the proximal femur, the post **672** is inserted into the hole **676** to align the reamer **670** with the hole. As the reamer **670** rotates, as indicated by motion arrows **677** and advances, it cuts away the proximal anterior edge to form the bevel **652**. The reamer **670** may include a central cavity sized and shaped to receive a proximal anterior corner or shoulder of the broach without interference while the reamer is spinning.

The broach may include only one hole, in which case separate right and left broaches may be provided. The broach may also include two holes so that a single broach is suitable for right and left femurs.

Referring to FIGS. **18A-20B** illustrate another example of a method and instrument that may be used to prepare a femoral hip stem for a hip prosthesis with a high resection level, while retaining a normal range of motion in a patient. Referring to FIGS. **18A** and **18B**, a chamfered reamer is shown. Chamfered reamer **900** includes an elongated handle portion **902**, connected to a cup-shaped cutting surface **904**. The cup-shaped cutting surface may also be referred to as a bone cutting surface. The cup-shaped cutting surface **904** may be conical, or include varying degrees of curvature. The elongated handle portion **902** is connected to the cup-shaped cutting portion **904** at a shoulder **906**. The shoulder **906** may have a greater diameter than the elongated handle **902**. The cup-shaped cutting portion **904** may be located distal to the shoulder **906**, and may flare outwards. The cup-shaped cutting portion **904** may include an inner surface **903**, and an outer surface opposite **905** of the inner surface **903**. The cup-shaped cutting portion **904** may include a sharpened edge portion **908** at the intersection of the inner **903** and outer surfaces **905**. The cup-shaped cutting portion **904** may include a plurality of apertures **910**, which may also be referred to as windows, which may include sharpened edges **911** that facilitate removal of bone. The window edges **911** may otherwise be flattened or rounded. At the apex of the cup-shaped cutting portion **904**, the chamfered reamer **900** may include a female feature **912** shaped to receive a portion of a post that is connected to a broach. The female feature **912** may include a socket, or hole, that extends from the inner surface **903** of the cup-shaped cutting portion **904** into the shoulder **906**. The mating feature **912** may otherwise be a complementary male feature shaped to be received by a groove or socket in a broach.

Referring to FIG. **19A**, a broach with a post **920** is shown inserted into a proximal femur, after the head of the proximal femur has been resected at the head-neck junction. The broach may have been inserted into the femoral cavity until the broach is flush with the resection level, and the post is oriented such that it extends substantially normal to the resection plane. The chamfered reamer **900** described in FIGS. **18A** and **18B** is shown mating with the inserted broach in FIG. **19B**. When the chamfered reamer **900** is engaged with the broach post **920**, the sharpened edge portion **908** may lie flush with the resection plane. The instrument **900** may then be actuated to ream the calcar section by rotating and applying force to the chamfered reamer to remove bone tissue.

Referring to FIG. **20A**, a proximal femur is shown after it has been reamed using the chamfered reamer **900**, with the broach **920** still implanted in the proximal femur. After reaming, the broach may be removed and a femoral hip prosthesis, such as those previously described, may be inserted, as illustrated in FIG. **20B**.

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Another example of a calcar reamer may include a central aperture shaped to receive a proximal portion of a broach that has been inserted into a proximal femur. The structure and method of use of the calcar reamer may be similar to the reamers shown in FIGS. **17A-20C** and, although the calcar reamer may include at least one chamfered cutting surface, such that as the reamer is rotated, the chamfered cutting edge acts in a saw-like capacity to create a complimentary chamfered bone surface on one or both sides of the broach. These instruments may include a variety of cutting edge geometries to create differently shaped bone resections. Alternatively, a resection may be done free-handed to remove bone portions surrounding the hip stem and reduce potential infringement.

FIGS. **21A-21B** illustrate another arrangement for preparing the beveled anterior edge **652** by using a saw guided by a beveled edge **678** of a broach **674**. In this example, the proximal anterior corner of the broach carries a beveled portion **678** which establishes the desired resection plane for the beveled anterior edge **652**. With the broach **676** fitted into the proximal femur, the saw is aligned with and moved along the beveled portion **678**. As the actuated saw advances, it cuts away the proximal anterior edge to form the bevel **652**.

The broach may include one or two beveled portions **678**.

FIGS. **22-27** illustrate another example of an instrument and method that may be used for preparing the proximal femur during total hip arthroplasty to minimize the potential for impingement and maintain the patient's natural range of motion. FIGS. **22A** and **22B** illustrate a prosthetic femoral hip stem connected to a modular head inserted into a femur. The hip stem may be the high impact hip stem **600** described previously in this application. Referring to FIGS. **22A** and **22B**, no chamfer resection cuts have been performed after the hip stem **600** was inserted into the femur. The connected modular head portion can be seen to interface with an acetabular component. It can be seen in FIG. **22B** that without chamfer resection cuts, there may be posterior impingement **681** of the joint at the bone-acetabular cup interface, thus limiting the patient's range of motion.

FIGS. **23-27** illustrate a chamfer cutting guide **700** that may be fitted or otherwise attached to the proximal portion of a broach **674** that has been inserted into the proximal femur, and may be used to create chamfered edges in the native femur that reduce impingement of the prosthetic head against the anterior and posterior portions of the natural femur.

Referring to FIG. **23A**, a broach **674** is shown inserted into the proximal femur. The broach **674** may be inserted into the proximal femur using a method similar or identical to the process described previously in this application. FIG. **23B** illustrates a chamfer-cutting guide **700** that may be attached to a proximal portion of the broach **674**.

FIG. **24** provides a perspective view of chamfer cutting guide **700**, which may include a first portion **710**, which may be referred to as an engagement portion and a second portion **750**, which may be referred to as a guide portion. The engagement portion **710** may act to secure chamfer cutting guide **700** to a broach **674** or other anchor feature in bone, and may include a proximal surface **712**, and a distal broach contacting portion **714** opposite the proximal surface. The proximal surface **712** may extend between a rounded edge **716** and a guide portion interface **718**.

The distal broach contacting **714** portion, as illustrated in FIG. **25**, may have a step-like configuration, and include a first step **720**, a second step **722** that is offset distally from the first step **720** and a third step **724** that is offset distally

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from the second step 722. The number and orientation of steps may be variable. The distal broach contacting surface 714 may also include various alternative configurations shaped to interface with the bone portion surrounding the inserted broach, specifically, the bone-contacting portion may interface with the bone on the interior portion of the cavity 650 described in FIGS. 16A and 16B. Alternative configurations may include a flat, sloped, or otherwise contoured surface to match the surface geometry of the patient's bone.

The surface of the first step 720 on the distal broach contacting portion 714 may include at least one aperture 726, and in this case, includes two relatively small and substantially circular apertures.

The first step 720 and second step 724 may be connected by a first vertical surface 728, which may intersect the first step 720 at a rounded concave corner 730. The corner may otherwise be sharp, beveled, coved or eased. The second step 724 may include at least one larger aperture 732, as shown best in FIG. 25. The larger aperture 732 shaped to receive a proximal portion of a broach. The aperture 732 may extend entirely through the engagement portion 710 to intersect the proximal surface 712.

When the chamfer-cutting guide 700 is attached to the broach 674, a central axis of the aperture 732 may align with the axis of the femoral neck. The chamfer-cutting guide 700 may engage the broach 674 via a spring loaded mechanism, which may be activated by pressing on a button 765 or lever. When button 765 becomes depressed, the larger aperture 732 of chamfer guide 700 may become able to slide over the proximal portion of the broach. When the external force on the button 765 is released, the spring force may push a side portion of the larger aperture 732 rigidly against the broach post, thus compressing it against the side of the larger aperture 732. This may rigidly lock the cutting guide 700 into place. The engagement portion 710 may include additional apertures or connecting features to secure the chamfer-cutting guide 700 during use. Examples of additional connecting features may include a protruded portion, a morse-taper or other male, or female, connecting features.

The second step 722 and third step 724 may be connected by a second vertical surface 734. The third step 726 may intersect the second vertical surface 734 and a third vertical surface 736 that is opposite the second vertical surface 734. The third vertical surface 736 may connect to a second rounded corner 738, where it intersects a distal surface 752 of the guide portion 750.

A bottom perspective view of chamfer cutting guide 700 is shown in FIG. 25. The guide portion 750 may be substantially elongated and generally rectangular in shape. The guide portion 750 may include a distal surface 752 that is substantially rectangular. The distal surface 752 may extend between the engagement portion 710 and a flat end portion 715. A cross-section of guide portion 750 is illustrated in FIG. 26. The cross section of guide portion 750 is shown to be generally triangular and contains a central body 754 that may be an equilateral triangle, and two appendages 756, 758 that sit superior and have interior edges 766, 768 that are parallel to the edges of the triangular body 754. The space between the appendages 756, 758 and the edges of the triangular body 754 make up channels or slots 760, 762 that act as cutting guides to establish a predetermined cutting trajectory for a traditional surgical saw or other surgical cutting instrument. The two cutting guides 760, 762 may act as an anterior slot and a posterior slot for creating the desired resulting bone resection on both anterior and posterior sides of the proximal femur. The two slots 760, 762 may intersect

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at a proximal primary channel 764 that extends along the length (of the z-axis) of the central body 754, as illustrated in FIG. 27A.

The appendages 756, 758 may have exterior surfaces 770, 772 that serve as secondary cutting guides that allow for greater surgeon flexibility. The flat exterior surfaces 770, 772 create additional guiding interface that a powered saw can rest on while creating an alternate bone resection.

Referring to FIGS. 27A-27B a proximal femur is shown with an attached chamfer cutting guide 700 after anterior and posterior resections that were performed using the cutting guide 700. The resultant geometry post-resection creates flat surfaces 787, 789 on anterior/posterior surfaces of the femur. This is similar in nature to the design of a traditional hip stem that includes flat surfaces on the anterior/posterior sides of the neck to avoid impingement with the cup and liner.

Referring to FIG. 28, a diagram illustrates methods of preparing a femur with anterior and/or posterior chamfer cuts. The method starts with step 1000, although it is appreciated that this method may occur after another method, such as a method for establishing a surgical approach to a hip joint. In step 1010, an initial neck resection is made by removing the femoral head at or near the head-neck junction, or in a subcapital region of the femoral neck. The intramedullary canal is then opened in step 1020. In step 1030, the proximal metaphysis is then broached. Progressively larger broaches may be used sequentially in step 1030. The broach may be positioned in the proximal femur such that it is flush with the resection level. Referring to step 1040, one or more chamfer cuts are made at one or more locations (anterior, posterior, medial) around the neck resection. At this point, the method ends with step 1050, although it is appreciated that this method may occur before another method, such as a method for implanting a prosthetic hip stem.

In optional step 1022, a final neck resection may be made with reference to the final broach in its final position in the proximal femur. Step 1022 may occur after step 1030.

Referring to optional step 1032, the distal intramedullary canal, or diaphysis, may be reamed before or after steps 1022 and/or 1030. Progressively larger reamers may be used sequentially in step 1032.

Steps 1042, 1044, and 1046 describe various possible techniques and instruments that may be used for creating planar chamfer cuts. Referring to step 1042, a planar chamfer cut may be made with reference to a guide surface of the broach, similar to the system described in FIGS. 21A-21B. Referring to step 1044, the planar chamfer cut may alternatively be made with reference to a guide surface of a cutting guide, such as the cutting guide described in FIGS. 24-27B. Referring to step 1046, the planar chamfer cut may also be made with a calcar reamer, such as the calcar reamer described in FIGS. 17A-17C, or with a saw. Referring to step 1048, a curved chamfer cut may be made with reference to the broach using a curved chamfer cutting guide surface, such as that described on the instrument illustrated in FIGS. 18A-19B.

The high impact femoral hip stem incorporates neck-strengthening adaptations, such as the shorter neck length and wider neck diameter, which improve the stem's ability to sustain dynamic loads in service. The stem also incorporates stress-transfer adaptations, such as a higher, medialized resection level and porous coating level, which improve the stem's ability to transfer stress to the calcar region of the femoral neck. The stem features a pronounced medial flare which also aids in stress transfer by increasing the projected

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area of the stem when viewed along the stem axis. Because the stem transfers more stress to the calcar region, the stress distribution in the remainder of the femur may better approximate that of the natural femur, thus preserving more bone substance over a longer period of time.

What is claimed is:

1. A method for preparing a natural femur to receive a femoral hip prosthesis, comprising:

cutting across a neck of a natural femur to form a neck resection surface on a subcapital portion of the neck, wherein the neck resection surface is bounded by an outer cortical edge;

forming a cavity in the natural femur at least partially from the neck resection surface such that the neck resection surface exhibits a u-shaped configuration defining the outer cortical edge and an inner cortical edge, the neck defining an exterior bone surface extending to the outer cortical edge and the neck defining an interior bone surface extending to the inner cortical edge of the neck;

inserting a broach into the cavity, wherein the outer cortical edge of the neck resection surface extends at least partially around the broach; and

chamfering the exterior bone surface and the outer cortical edge of the neck resection surface to form a bevel over the exterior bone surface of the neck so that a portion of the neck tapers toward the neck resection surface.

2. The method according to claim 1, wherein the broach comprises a planar cutting instrument contacting surface.

3. The method according to claim 1, wherein the broach comprises a proximal socket, wherein chamfering the outer cortical edge of the neck resection surface comprises cutting the outer cortical edge of the neck resection surface with a cutting instrument, wherein the cutting instrument comprises a post, wherein the post is received within the proximal socket.

4. The method according to claim 3, wherein the cutting instrument comprises a planar bone cutting surface, wherein when the post is received within the proximal socket, the bone cutting surface is aligned to chamfer the outer cortical edge of the neck resection surface.

5. The method according to claim 4, wherein when the post is received within the proximal socket, the cutting instrument is rotatable about the post, wherein when the instrument is rotated, the planar bone cutting surface removes a portion of the bone.

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6. The method according to claim 3, wherein the cutting instrument comprises a rounded bone cutting surface.

7. A method for preparing a natural femur to receive a femoral hip prosthesis, comprising:

cutting across a neck of a natural femur to form a neck resection surface, wherein the neck resection surface is bounded by an outer cortical edge;

forming a cavity in the natural femur at least partially from the neck resection surface such that the neck resection surface exhibits a u-shaped configuration defining the outer cortical edge and an inner cortical edge, the neck defining an exterior bone surface extending to the outer cortical edge of the neck resection surface and the neck defining an interior bone surface extending to the inner cortical edge of the neck resection surface;

inserting a broach into the cavity, wherein the outer cortical edge of the neck resection surface extends at least partially around the broach; and

chamfering the exterior bone surface and the outer cortical edge of the neck resection surface to form a bevel over the exterior bone surface of the neck so that a portion of the neck tapers toward the neck resection surface.

8. The method according to claim 7, wherein the broach comprises a planar cutting instrument contacting surface.

9. The method according to claim 7, wherein the broach comprises a proximal socket, wherein chamfering the outer cortical edge of the neck resection surface comprises cutting the outer cortical edge of the neck resection surface with a cutting instrument, wherein the cutting instrument comprises a post, wherein the post is received within the proximal socket.

10. The method according to claim 9, wherein the cutting instrument comprises a planar bone cutting surface, wherein when the post is received within the proximal socket, the bone cutting surface is aligned to chamfer the outer cortical edge of the neck resection surface.

11. The method according to claim 10, wherein when the post is received within the proximal socket, the cutting instrument is rotatable about the post, wherein when the instrument is rotated, the planar bone cutting surface removes a portion of the bone.

12. The method according to claim 9, wherein the cutting instrument comprises a rounded bone cutting surface.

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